The '53 HILLTOPPER

Helen A. Esterley

DEDICATION

To the parents and everyone who has helped and encouraged us and whose forthrightedness and generosity have left a lasting impression on our lives . . . We affectionately dedicate the 1953 HILLTOPPER.

THE SENIOR CLASS OF BLYTHE TOWNSHIP HIGH

SCHOOL PROUDLY PRESENTS

The Hilltopper

Nineteen Hundred Fifty Three

ADMINISTRATION

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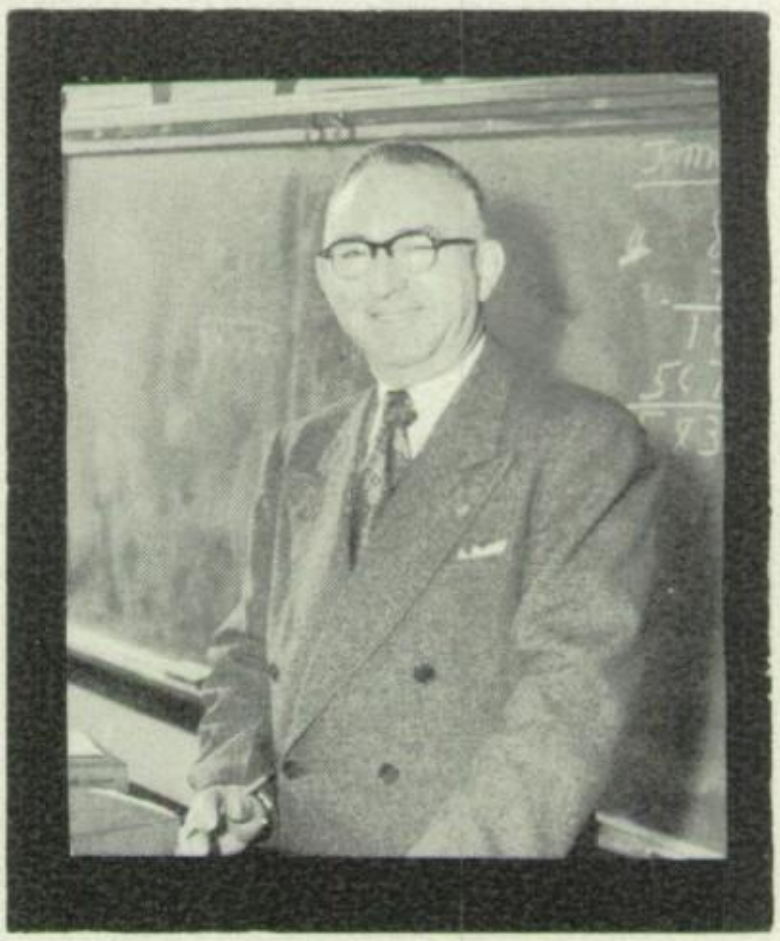
Supervising Principal



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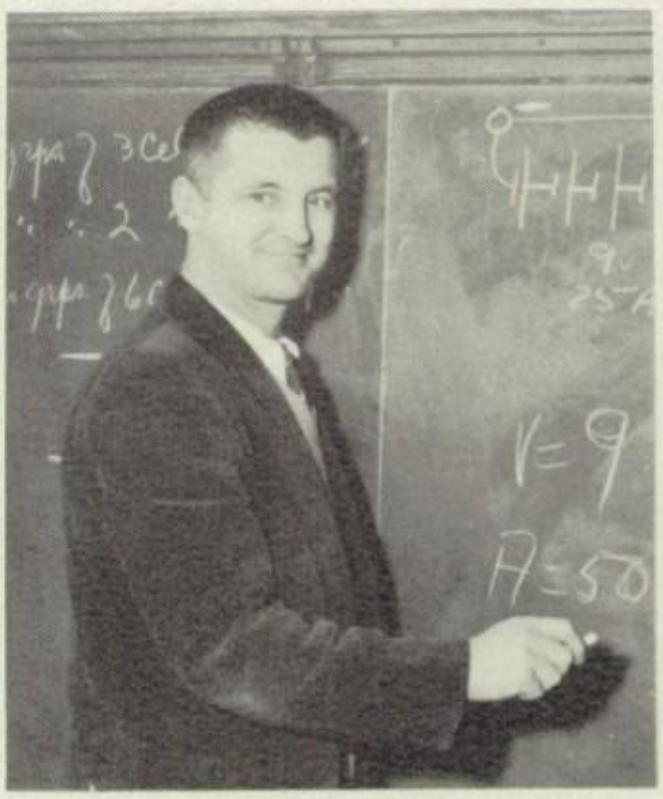
Principal

Faculty



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Miss McGarrity Citizenship

Mr. McDonald Mathematics

Mr. Tuppie Social Studies

Mr. Kurek Science

Faculty

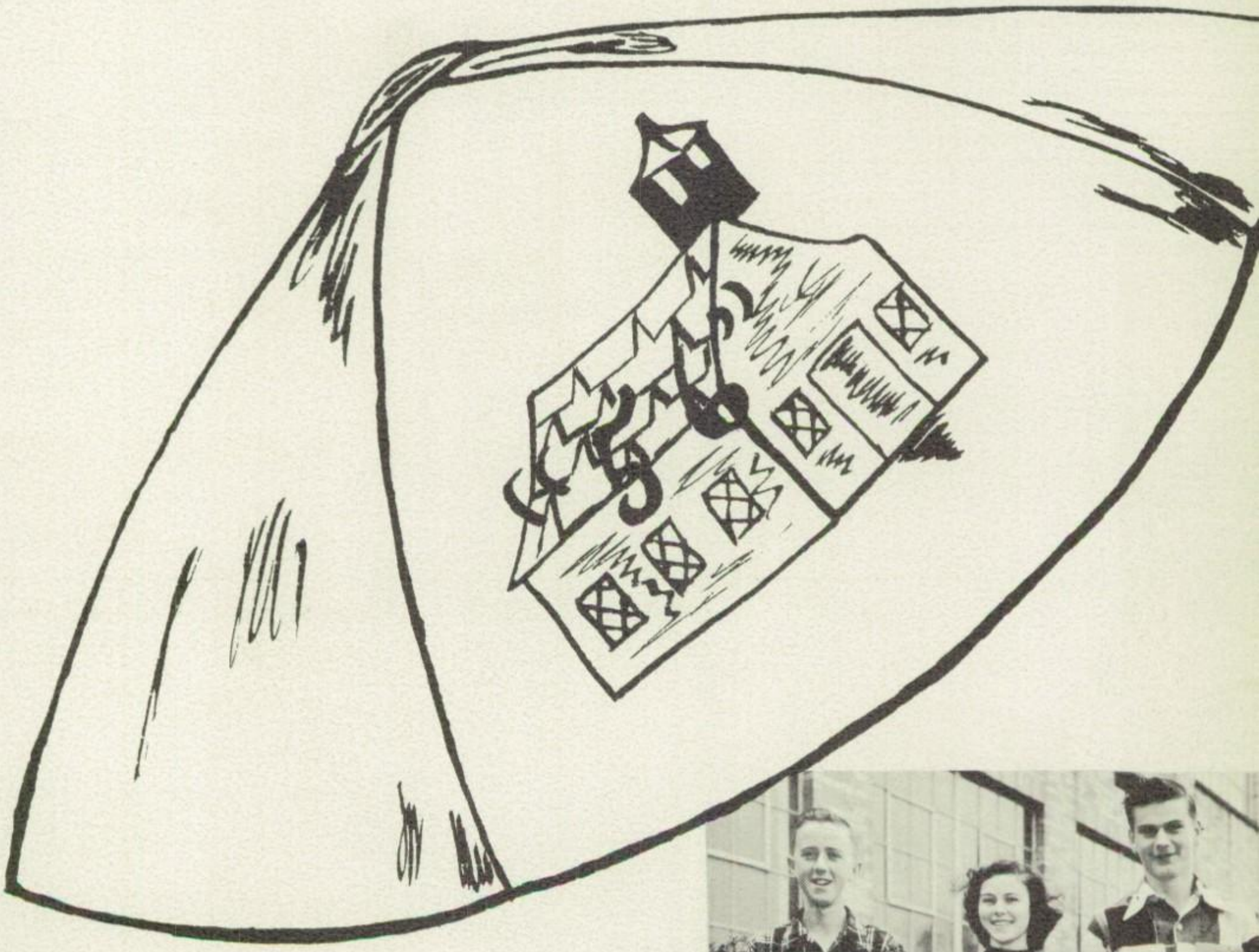
Mrs. Whalen Secretary

Mrs. Smith School Nurse

Miss Francks Commercial

Bus Drivers

Custodians



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Middle: J. Russek, R. Polansky, J. Langton, C. Subalesky, W. Vacula
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Back: J. Correll, A. Coccio, E. Ebling, W. Hill, T. Norris, J. Koshnick
Front: M. Murray, M. Caldas, R. Murray, C. Firth, D. Zubris, E. Stefanek

Back: E. Seladones, F. Parry, D. Oler, W. Tuppie, V. Ruben
Front: H. Orlosky, V. Smoluk, J. Pelachick, D. Smerlick, R. Push

Back: J. Burcosky, J. Gall, W. Kehlor, P. Grabarek
Front: N. Curvey, M. Gossick, A. Carroll,
B. Hoffines, J. Johns, S. Chickirda

"Marge"

"Clemmy"

(DIAPER TO DIPLOMAS)

"Princeton"

"Coylie"

"Josie"

SOPHOMORES

A. Labella, Vice-Pres.

L. Smerlick, Secy.

J. Fannock, Pres.

E. Putt Treas.

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A. Kubilus, B. Babcock
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J. Fannock, J. Fannock

Back: J. Royock, J. Spece
H. Russek, M. Pacine, L. Sulikosli
Front: R. Snukis, C. Schaeffer, L. Smerlick

Back: R. Jukus, R. Jennings, F. Figel
A. Ketrick
Front: A. Jukus, M. Nothstein
L. Meyers, A. Labella, J. Orloff

"Stanky"

"Mary Lou, Tam and friend"

"Mitzie"

"Janie"

"Chas"

"Gots and sister"

"Mary Lou"

"DIAPERS TO DIPLOMAS"

P. Quirk, Secy. T. Toback, Pres. M. J. Gulaska Vice-Pres.

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D. Vernicky, A. Tomashunas

TIME

Back: M. Calabrese, C. Chiminitz, B. Farrell,
C. Demsky, M. J. Gulaska
Front: M. Carroll, E. Fernando, M. Ganis, K. Brobst

Back: C. Yesacavage, M. Nevada, C. Snukis, J. Gall
M. Wojciechowski, J. Kreydt
T. Burke

Front: T. Toback, P. Quirk

Back: J. Harvilicz, P. Mulhall, M. Pelachick, R. Schneider

Front: L. Petrush, M. Linder, H. Lescavage, M. Karlonis

"Mergie"

"Burkie"

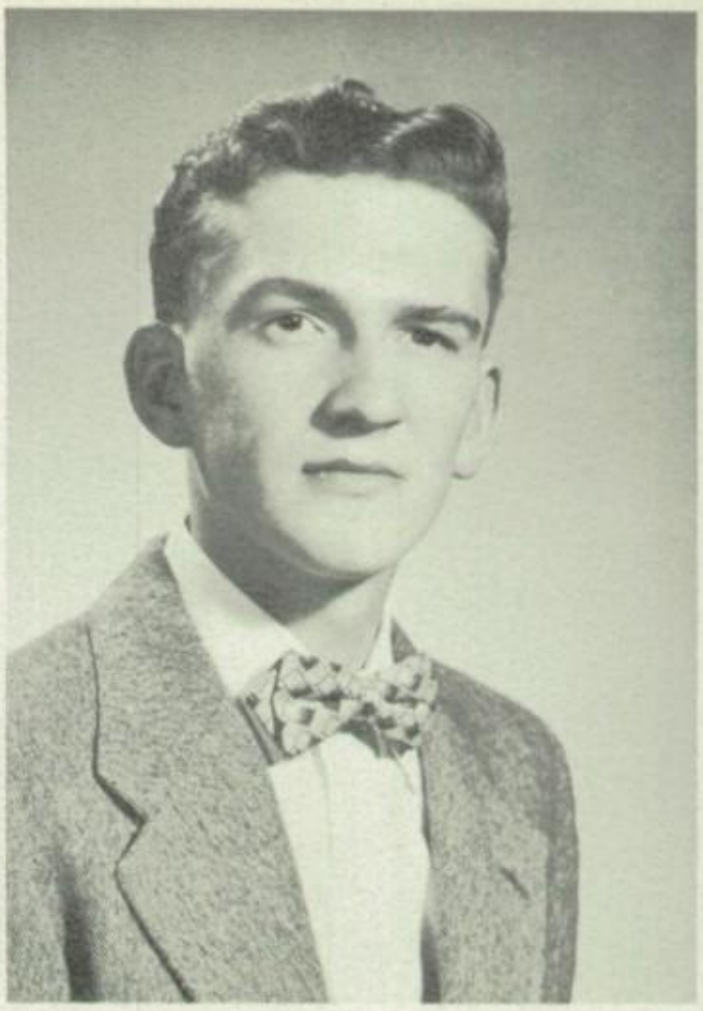
"Griggsy"

"Margie"

"Albie", "Mergie", "Nimitz"

DIAPERS TO DIPLOMAS

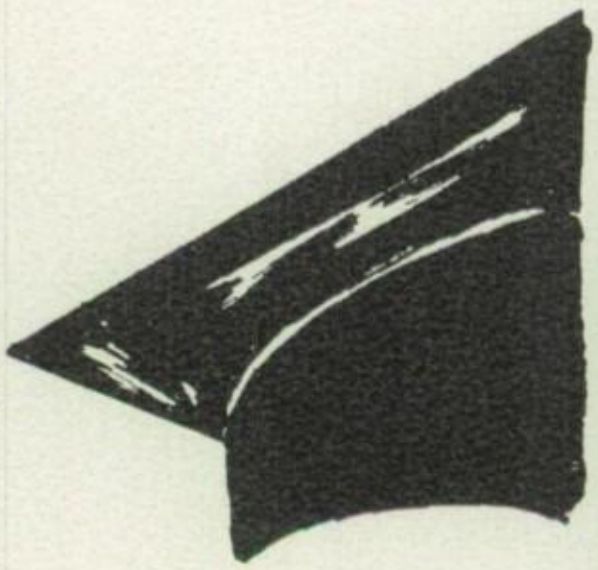
Clem Barto
"Clemmy"
"Clemmy" is a reserved and sincere fellow who is very interested in Physics. As manager of the football team he did a swell job. Good Luck.



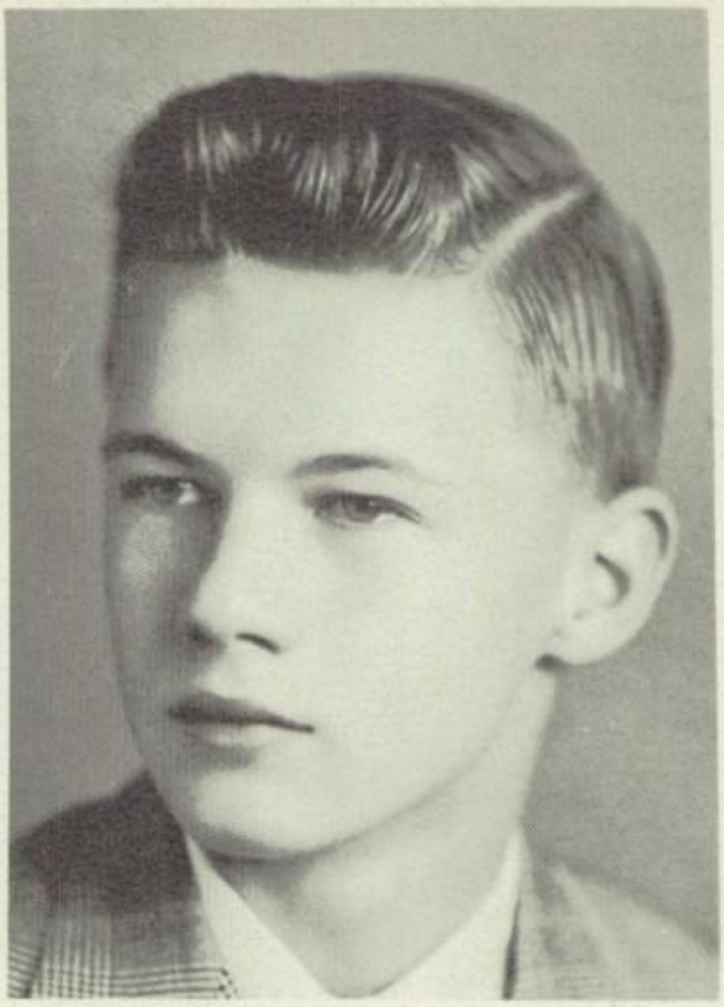
Philip Blickley
"Phil"
Phil claims the title of "12-C artist". With your discipline, we are sure you will succeed.

Evelyn Burke
"Burkie"
When "Burkie" is around there's never a dull moment. Always impersonating famous T. V. stars. We wish to you the best in your future undertakings.

Margaret Constanty
"Margie"
A tall blonde, with a trim figure, who is better than average at dancing. May your career prove successful.



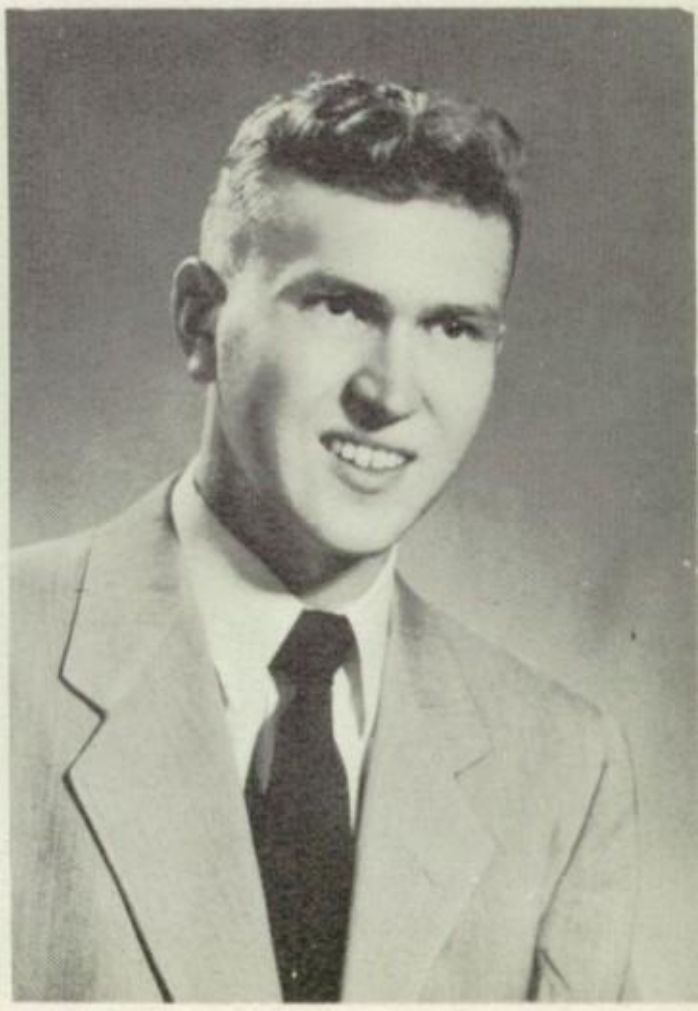
Ann Coyle
"Coylie"
Here is a tiny lass whose golden voice provided delightful entertainment in our Minstrel shows. Good luck to a future florist.



John Crochunis
"Johnnie"
John is the quiet type who would rather be seen than heard. He proved himself to be a wonderful classmate. We wish luck to a swell boy.

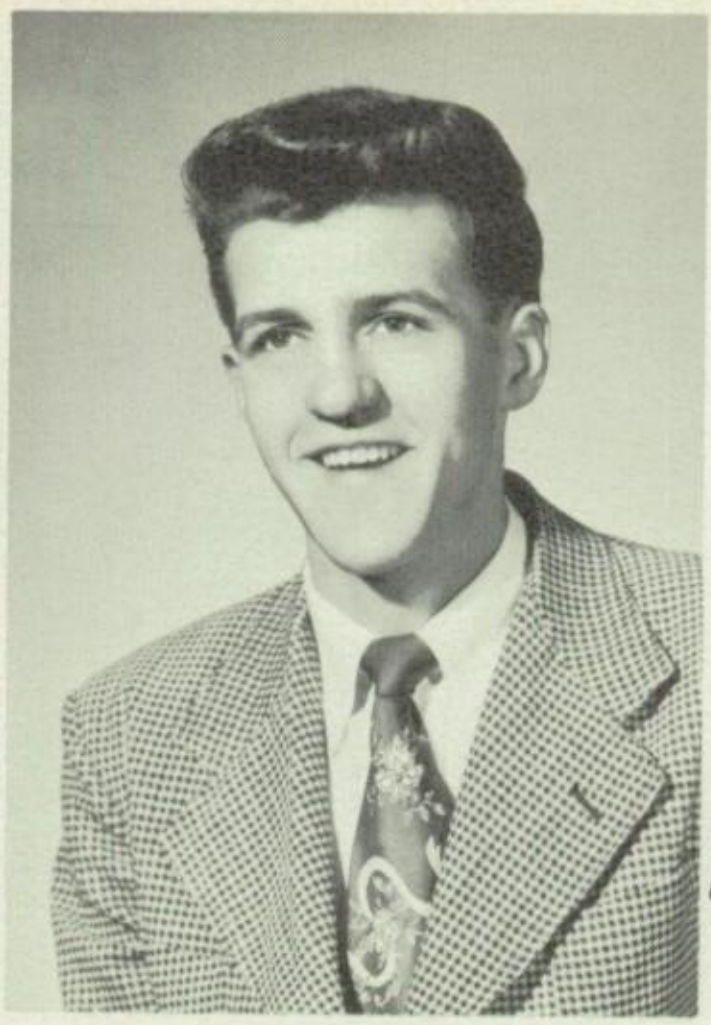
Joseph Delpais
"Joe"
Joe is tall, blonde, and handsome; quite a heartbreaker! His career is uncertain but we wish him luck.

John Gibson
"Princeton"
Gibson's chief delight is serenading the girls. He will probably become another John Barrymore. It is rumored John plans to enter college. Luck to you.



Dolores Griggs
"Griggsy"

As President of our class Dolores has worked very hard. Her ambition has enabled us to have a yearbook. Dolores has chosen Nursing as her career. With her sweet smile and wonderful personality we are certain that she will succeed. Good luck to a swell girl.



John Gossick
"Gots"

Here's to a fellow who is a good looker and wonderful athlete. "Gots" is famous for his saying "nerus." Best of luck.

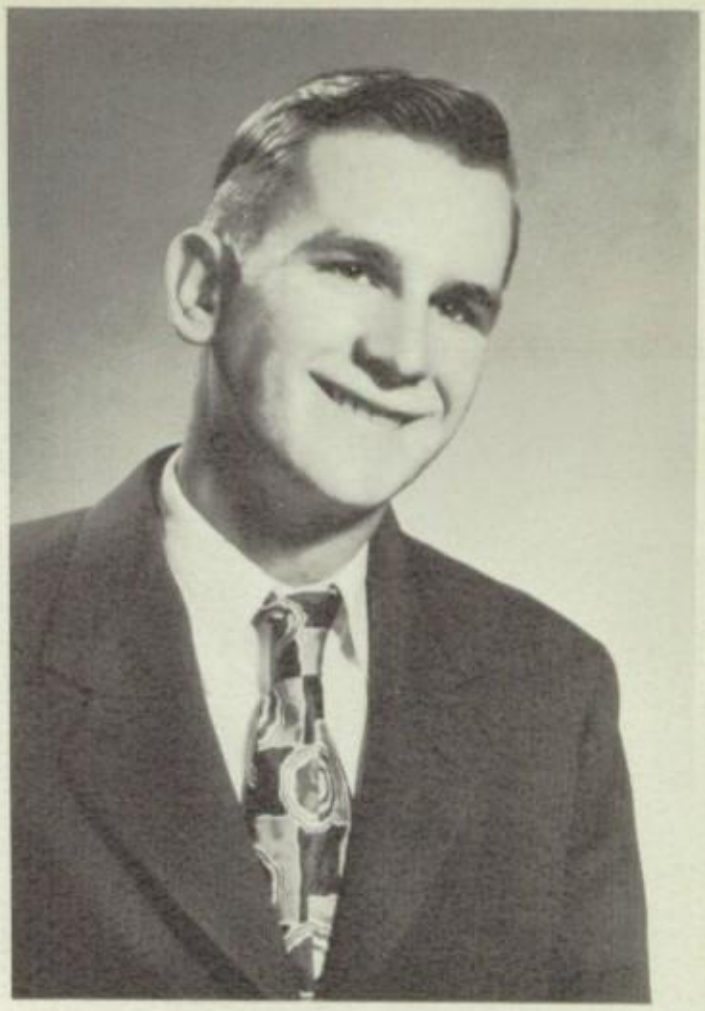
Ann Harvilla
"Mitzi"

Who belongs to that congenial laugh? None other than our "Mitzi". Always happy and making everyone else happy with her jokes. To a swell girl we wish a future of happiness.

Josephine Kasper
"Josie"

One of the best dressed girls in school. "Josie" can be found versing new cheers for she is co-captain of the cheerleaders. We know this attractive lass will succeed as a beautician.

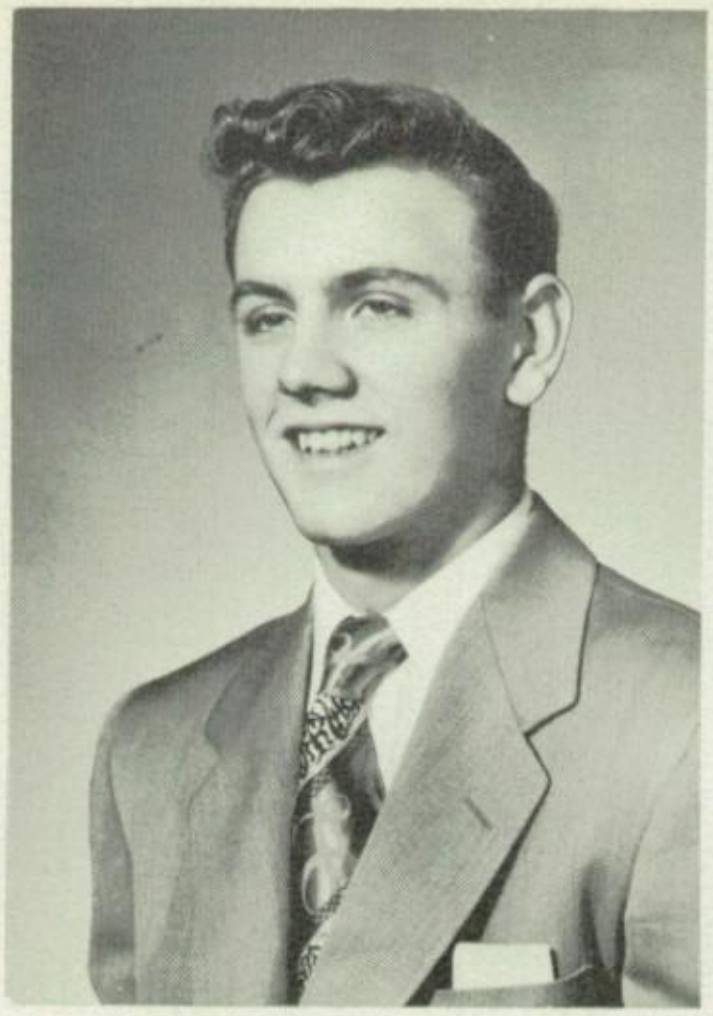
Betty Ann Labie
"Betty"
Small but cute and full is Betty. As an x-ray technician, we wish you success.



Michael Langton
"Mike"
"Mike" is a fellow who is interested in his work and proves it too. Best of luck to you!

Albert Lapcoskie
"Albie"
Polka! Polka! Go to any polka dance and you're sure to find "Albie" there. He is always ready to make friends especially with the fairer sex. Good luck to you, "Albie".

Mary Louise Lazusky
"Mary Lou"
Mary Louise is a pretty lass with winning ways and a smile for everyone. We hope you succeed in becoming an airline hostess.



Thomas Margle
"Mergie"
Here comes competition boys, both in sports and girls' hearts. "Mergie" has chosen engineering as his profession. We are sure that you will succeed.

Elizabeth Mehalshick
"Butch"
Introducing a vivacious sort of girl who is co-captain of the cheerleaders. Butch's most valuable asset is her versatile personality. Our best to you in the future.

Bernard Mikonis
"Dean"
A wonderful classmate, a true friend and a good voice describes "Dean". Since we do not know "Dean's" future we wish him luck in anything he may undertake.

Marie Mikovich
"Flash"
"Zoom!" There goes Flash. She is noted for her remarkable speed as can obviously be seen. We don't know Marie's intentions, but to her we wish the best...

Francis Miller
"Monk"
"Monk" is a neat dresser who seems to find great interest in New Phila. Luck and success to a nice boy.

Ethel Mullin
"Betty"
A very quiet, sedate lass who is top athlete of her class. Good luck in whatever you undertake.

George Ney
"Fibber"
"Fibber is noted for his red hair and great sportsmanship. We hope you succeed in becoming a construction operator.

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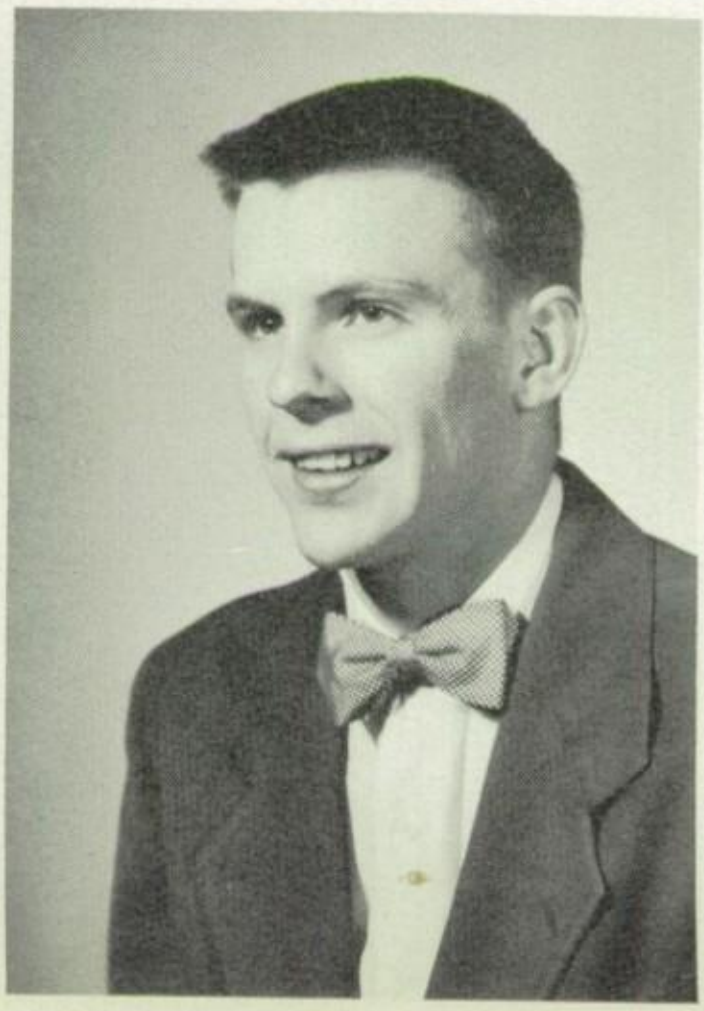
Florence Oler
"Cookie"
"Cookie" is a fascinating blonde who is very friendly. With her winning ways we are sure she will succeed.

Michael Palko
"Stanky"
Contangious grin--lady teaser--lover of sports. These words partly portray our Mike. Have you heard "Stanky" argue? You'll never win! Loads of luck.

Mary Jane Petronis
"Janie"
A sweet girl, who will long be remembered for her wonderful personality, and intelligence. Jane did wonderful work as our vice-president, and editor, Janie will attend the U. of P. in order to follow the career of nursing, that she has chosen. Loads of luck.

Dorothy Putalavage
"Putt"
A very pretty girl with a pleasing personality. Weakness is flirting---hobby is dancing----and ambition is unknown. We wish you all the luck in the world.

Robert Raess
"Reesie"
A happy go lucky fellow, is Reesie. He worked hard to promote our team to victory in both football and basketball. May your future be bright.



Robert Rinda
"Bob"
Shh! Do not disturb. The great thinker thinketh! In spite of his silence, we know Robert has a pleasant and prosperous future planned.

Charles Smerlick
"Charlie"
"Charlie" is a Good Samaritan-forever helping someone. Good luck to you-you deserve it.

John Smerlick
"Johnnie"
"Johnnie" is a tall, good looking lad who is forever teasing the girls. We wish you the best.

Charles Snyder
"Champ"
A tall, curly headed member of our Senior Class, who did a wonderful job in the Minstrel. May lady luck smile upon you.

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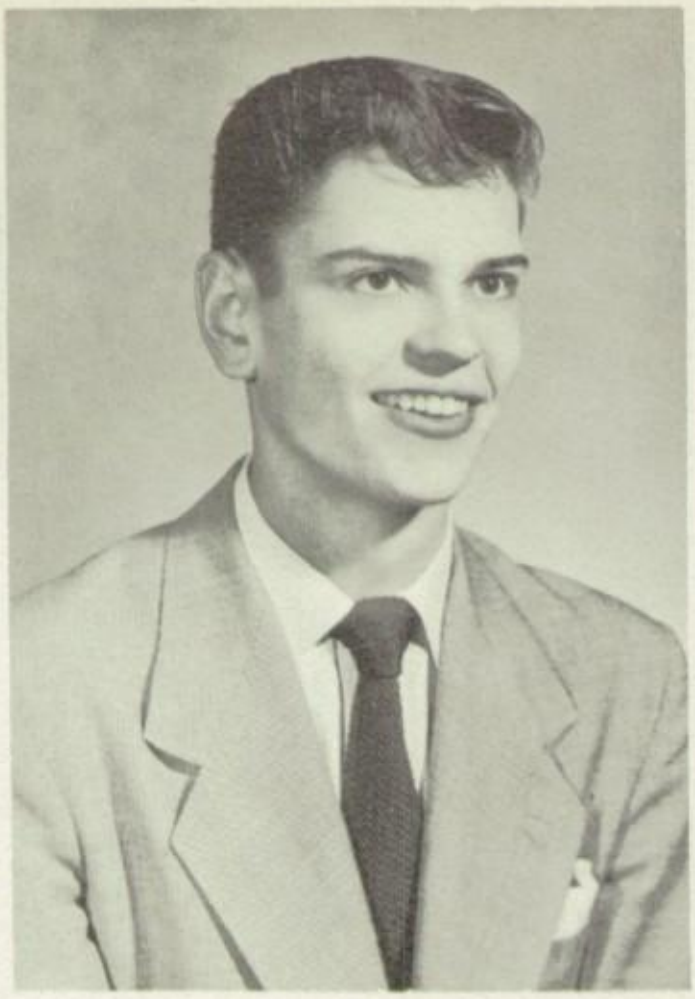
Edmund Strauss
"Ediu"
Ediu has a very casual manner and never worries about anything. He spends most of his time teasing the girls to tears. To a swell pal, good luck.

Joan Russek
"Joni"
A cute blonde who loves to skate and constantly surrounded by music. Best to you in your career, "Joni".

Jacob Schaeffer
"Jakie"
A carefree fellow who is known as one of Mr. Nash's helpers. We hope you don't become a janitor, but good luck anyway.

Margaret Schneider
"Margie"
Margie is one girl who is well liked by her companions. Always willing to help anyone in distress. To a girl who has intentions of becoming a nurse, good luck!



Chester Shanoskie
"Nimitz"
Another six footer is none other than our Nimitz. Always ready to lend a helping hand. Whatever your intentions may you always succeed, Chester.

Charles Stefanek
"Chas"
A very friendly fellow who has many admirers. Luck and success in whatever you undertake.

Alice Tomalavage
"Tam"
A charming lass is our "Tam". She has the ability of making friends and keeping them and is also a willing and hard working girl. The best to you, Alice.

Margaret Welkie
"Marge"
A tiny blonde with a friendly smile, who has plans for entering nursing. We hope you will succeed.

Paul Yacobowsky
"Yaki"
Brockton claims this well-mannered boy who is very quiet but yet cooperative. Luck and success to you!

CLASS COLORS:
Blue and White

CLASS FLOWER:
Red Rose

CLASS MOTTO:
"Nothing Succeeds Like Success"

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF: MARY JANE PETRONIS
BUSINESS MANAGER: DOLORES GRIGGS

THE CLASS PROPHECY OF 1953

It is a beautiful day and here I am in an office of the well-known Empress Hotel at Miami Beach, Florida. It is the year 1968.

Being high above the sands, so familiarly dotted with bathers, I was lured to one of the large picture windows where my gaze was directed to the pale blue waves tinged with white foam rolling by. Soon, I could almost perceive certain images. As the waves seemed to calm down, these figures were none others than the class of '53. An extraordinary idea flashed through my mind - "A Class Reunion". 'Cause after all, some of us hadn't seen one another for 15 years.

To write would be quite an extensive problem, since our class had managed to circulate themselves through all parts of the universe. So, the next possible and logical thing to do would be to send telegrams.

Now, -----two weeks later the replys are coming in - Why, here's one already.....

MICHAEL

LANGTON---Pleased to accept invitation. Congress is having a short recess so, won't be missed until the next session.

ALICE

TOMALAVAGE---I'm in a predicament---Send me a baby-sitter and I'll be there.

JOHN

SMERLICK---You're in luck--Scooped dirt all week for J. R. Bazley, will arrive in my new tuxedo.

PHILIP

BLICKLEY---Now that I'm in, I can't get out of the Foreign Legion--Things are pretty rough all around.

JOAN

RUSSEK---Sure will be there - What's skipping a performance with N. Y. Roller Derby towards seeing old chums.

JOHN

CROCHUNIS---Have no choice--Have to leave Spain--Bankrupted the Great Casino at Monte Carlo.

CHARLES

SNYDER---How in the world am I supposed to come---Our Binney needs me in the store.

EVELYN

BURKE---Manage to get there--Will give the Brats AHH children a free day from school.

GEORGE

NEY---Busy---Diggin my way out of the Pen--Nearly through--p.s. Have a cab waiting for me to make fast get-away.

CHARLES

SMERLICK---Stuck here in Kaska--In charge of the new road construction-No way out.

JACOB

SCHAEFFER---Exploring the Alps--Too long of a slide down. So you'll have to get along without me.

ANN

HARVILLA---Will arrive Tuesday--Beings a private nurses Convention is down there--I'll have time.

EDWARD

STRAUSS---I'd come - I'd love to come-I'm dying to come--Happens I can't come-I have 462 more windows to clean at Waldorf Astoria.

CLEMENT

BARTO---Working like the devil-Panning gold down by the Old Mill Stream-Figure I won't be there.

ANN

COYLE---Stand by--I'm on my way--But, bringing my Avon supplies--Might make some sales.

MARGARET

SCHNEIDER---Guess I could come-don't think I'll have too much trouble getting away from my husband.

JOSEPH

DELPAIS---Everybody's one and only "Joe Delph" after just finishing his latest picture "MOONLIGHT & MADNESS" is on his way. Keep the bobbysoxers away, after all, I'm bashful.

ETHEL

MULLIN---Job's too important to leave in the midst of preparing for my new T. V. program, "The Life With Betty".

ALBERT

LAPCOSKIE---Don't think I'll be able to make it-the booze is running pretty fast down here in my saloon in Nevada.

MARIE

MIKOVICH---Count on me. Just ran a 50 yd. stretch---Still running.

BERNARD

MIKONIS---Expect me--I'll bring my latest hit "Sleep Awhile" so, I can croone a lil tune at the reun.

MARGARET

CONSTANTY---Certainly will be there--Though I hate leaving Bermuda and Herky minus a head-waitress.

THOMAS

MARGLE---Sorry, can't make it. Too many robberies at my gas station near Sahara Desert. Can't trust anybody but myself.

CHARLES

STEFANEK---Even Georgia Peaches won't keep me away-Winnings are better than ever - hit me in the nick of time - my horse just won.

JOHN

GOSSICK---Me leave sunny California and these lovely sights-Why don't have a tan yet--Will be there anyway.

BETTY ANN

LABIE---Galloping horses wouldn't keep me away--Won't be needed at my "Drive as you Please" School.

JOSEPHINE

KASPER---Could be arranged---If my husband, Earl Stoyer wants to put mileage on a new cadillac.

ROBERT

RINDA---Got free ticket to Florida--How--Just sold to the Dodgers, and have some time to spare.

DOLORES

GRIGGS---Oui, Oui, will be there from Pariee--wearing one of my newest creations.

ROBERT

RAESS---Just married and also henpecked so the odds are against me. Maybe next time when I'm boss.

CHESTER

SHANOSKIE---See you soon--Nothing else to do, scoring baskets get boring.

FRANCIS

MILLER---I'm figuring on having a nervous breakdown anyday now--somebody stole my drum sticks.

BETTY

MEHALSHICK---I'm as good as there--I can count on my assistant to take care of my Beauty Salon in N. Y.

MARY LOUISE

LAZUSKY---Met up with a storm on one of my flights and will be stranded for awhile but be coming in on a wing and a prayer.

MARY JANE

PETRONIS---Gosh, a reunion and not too busy to leave my patients at the University of Pennsylvania.

PAUL

YACOBOWSKY---Notice came too late, the fish here in Alaska are only biting this week.

FLORENCE

OLER---Cross me off the list 'cause I'm helping Sam Spade solve the case of "Blythe's Missing Janitor".

MARGARET

WELKIE---There's a possibility-No telling what shift I'll be working at the Necho Allen, here's hoping for day shift.

JOHN

GIBSON---No way to get there from Africa--I'm waiting for a motor for my Chevy to come from Sears Roebuck.

MICHAEL

PALKO---Have to sign a contract with the Wildcats-Sorry.

CLASS WILL

We, the Class of 1953, of Blythe Twp. High School being of sound mind, hereby make and publish this our Last Will and Testament.

To Mr. Nash and Mr. Gibbons our sincere thanks for their ever so useful advice.

We leave many thanks to our faculty, who in these hard and trying times, taught us with patience and understanding.

To the Sophomores our seats in the cafeteria, and our ability to have a jolly time. Although we had serious times, in order to get where we are tonight.

To the Freshman, the trails and hardships that confronted all Freshman, "Keep the Light of Hope Burning".

To James McElvaney, CLEM BARTO leaves his ever so busy job as manager of the football team.

To Michael Seladones, PHILIP BLICKLEY'S great bus ride from Brockton (don't take advantage of it).

To Rosie Murray, EVELYN BURKE'S love for Literature Class (keep your eye on the book not on the teacher).

To Betty Fernando, MARGARET CONSTANTY'S job of keeping Mr. McDonald informed of the latest happenings.

To Florence Figel, ANN COYLE'S place as a singer in the Minstrel.

To Carl Subalesky, JOHN CROCHUNIS'S position as a student council member.

To George Orlosky, JOSEPH DELPAIS gladly gives up his position as a miner for the Herring Coal Company.

To Walter Govern, JOHN GIBSON steps aside to leave only his place as romeo of the High School.

To Joseph Kreydt, JOHN GOSSICK'S ability to be outstanding in sports and with the girls.

To Julianna Zimmers, DOLORES GRIGALONIS'S post as official candy seller for the cafeteria (don't eat the Profits).

To Helen Lescavage, ANN HARVILLA'S sense of good humor (does she get it from the patients in the hospital).

To Ann Marie Labella, JOSEPHINE KASPER'S skill of keeping up with the hair styles (don't use too much peroxide in seeking her formula).

To John Royack, BETTY ANN LABIE'S electric typewriter in typing class (take excellent care of it).

To Michael Nevada, MICHAEL LANGTON'S assisting hand to Mr. Gibbons (a job to be proud of).

To Joseph Spece, ALBERT LAPCOSKIE'S forever getting into trouble (no one can replace Al but they try).

To Jean Fannock, MARY LOUIS LAXUSKY'S guite but ever so friendly ways.

To Rose Marie Snukis, BETTY MEHALSHICK'S ability to dance and popularity with the opposite sex.

To Charles Snukis, THOMAS MARGLE'S success on the gridiron (don't work the boys like Mergie did).

To Martin Wojciechowskie, BERNARD MIKONIS wills his understanding of women.

To Christine Toback, MARIE MIKOVICH bestows her gift of high speed on the gym floor.

To Charles Chiminitz, FRANCIS MILLER'S well known reputation as a skater at Dream City.

To Mary Nothstein, ETHEL MULLIN bestows her quiet manner (silence is golden).

To Albert Coccio, GEORGE NEY'S efficiency as a handy man to Mr. Nash (usually found walking the halls with a screw driver).

To Dorothy Smerlick, FLORENCE OLER'S obeyance of all school rules (she eluded detention class).

To Russel Palko, MICHAEL PALKO yields his task of selling Basler's groceries.

To Lucy Smerlick, MARY JANE PETRONIS leaves her wonderful personality and sparkling smile.

To Andrea Kubilus, DOROTHY PUTALAVAGE'S gift of gab (don't take advantage of this gift).

To Raymond Schneider, ROBERT RINDA'S alarm clock so that he can try to be on time.

To Billy Hill, ROBERT RAESS'S ability to make a major catastrophe out of a minor issue.

To Loretta Petrush, JOANN RUSSEK'S love for skating (or is it a certain person's attraction, Joan).

To Edward Seladones, JACOB SCHAEFFER'S morning cigarette butt (hurry! the bus is coming Ed).

To Dolores Vernicky, MARGARET SCHNEIDER'S everlasting trouble in Mr. Rompalo's classes.

To Vincent Ruben, CHESTER SHANOSKIE'S height and eye for a cute figure (not a mathematical figure either).

To John Veronsky, CHARLES SMERLICK gives his days off to go coal mining (don't work too hard).

To Frank Figel, JOHN SMERLICK'S position as end on our great football team. (Let's make at least one touchdown).

To Robert Mikonis, CHARLES SNYDER leaves his job of supplying the class with their daily gum (don't exhaust the stores supply).

To Leroy Sulikuski, CHARLES STEFANEK'S natural gift of skipping school (don't try to break Chas's record).

To Thomas Norris, EDWARD STRAUSS'S "why worry" moods. You'll go through life with the greatest of ease.

To Hedy Russek, ALICE TOMALAVAGE'S eye for styles (keep up the neat dressing that Alice has).

To Marie Ganis, MARGARET WELKIE'S job as cheerleader and dues collector (better get the aspirins ready for those head aches).

To Carl Yesacavage, PAUL YACOBOWSKY'S position as editor-in-chief of the mimeograph staff (do your work as well as Paul did).

In witness whereof we have set our hand and seal hereto this twenty-ninth day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, nine hundred and fifty-three (1953).

(Signed) Class of 1953

J. Kasper, Secy. D. Griggs, Pres. M. Welkie, Treas. M. J. Petronis Vice-Pres.

CLASS HISTORY

As eighth graders we dreamed of the day when we would be walking through the corridors of Blythe Township High School, and now, this dream was actually a reality. Realizing first we had four years of hard work before us, we never dreamed that these years would hold some cheerful incidents such as George Ney's being late the first day. Still, after four years, he has yet to find out the time classes begin.

We all recall the day Miss Martin assigned Margaret Constanty to rearrange the stockroom. While accomplishing her task, she discovered a box of powder. Feeling mischievious, she decided to dispose of it. Upon Miss Martin's return, she acknowledged the fact that the powder had vanished. Suspecting Margie, she confined her to detention. After confessing truthfully, Margie was forgiven but the incident never forgotten.

Attending the Senior dances became a new adventure to most of us and we found it hard getting accustomed to being considered underclassmen.

Time passed rapidly, and before we realized it, our freshman year had ended.

Our vacation rolled by, and we were beginning our Sophomore year. We were surprised to see many new faces among us but soon became acquainted and gained new friends.

We couldn't help feeling superior to the Freshmen, but we still respected our upper classmen.

How well we remember, during this year the day Dolores Griggs and Mary Louise Lazusky made Strawberry Shortcake in Home Economics class. Misunderstanding Mrs. Wilson's directions, they put the whipping cream in the cake instead of on top of it. Coming to their aid, Mary Jane Petronis whipped the other bottle of whipping cream to butter. This was another of our unforgetable memories.

A grand event was the Prom, the first formal dance for most of us, one we would never forget. Soon our vacation followed. Many found jobs to occupy this time.

As Juniors, we began to realize the importance of attending school and also the planning of our future careers. Chosen members of the class took part in the annual Minuet. Soon we were anxiously practicing for the Minstrel which was produced with success.

Again we recall another incident. It was Friday the 13th, the day a library book belonging to Dolores Griggs fell behind a row of lockers. Not knowing any other solution for recovering the book, Dolores and her friends, Ann Harvilla and Mary Jane Petronis, politely removed the lockers from the wall after school hours. An underclassman stood guard during the operation.

We looked forward to our Senior year as the best year of our lives. Soon enough September was here, and finally we became Seniors. By this time we lost a few of our classmates but also gained new ones. We were proud of the athletes of our class, and cheered them faithfully. We strived hard to make our "Hilltopper" a success. Now we are once again looking forward to our Minstrel which is now in progress. We are also busy planning the remainder of our high school activities, including our "Graduation", which we are all looking forward to.

We wish to thank all who are making our graduation possible. Our families, who have helped us at home, our faculty members who have taught us the right way to future happiness, and all who have assisted us in reaching our most desired goal --- Graduation.

CLASS POEM

To live in our memories
From time to time,
We give you our classmates
In this rhyme.

CLEM BARTO is 12th grades pride and joy
A wonderful friend, a very nice boy.

PHIL BLICKLEY'S a boy who is quiet and shy,
As a classmate and friend he's a wonderful guy.

Among smiling faces EVELYN BURKE can be found.
Whenever there's laughter we know she's around.

MARGIE CONSTANTLY is next in our line.
Someday as a housewife, she'll do fine.

JOHN CROCHUNIS seems quiet and shy,
Nowhere could you find a nicer guy.

JOE DELPAIS is handsome and really quite tall.
As a boy in our class he was asked by all.

JOHN GIBSON'S motto is "Come day, Go day".
He's one who hails from up Kaska way.

JOHN GOSSICK is a handsome guy,
Whenever he passes, we hear the girls sigh.

And now, the President of our class,
DOLORES GRIGGS, a very nice lass.

MITZI HARVILLA, I'm sure you'll agree
Is one of the nicest girls in the class of "53".

JOSIE KASPER who is always so neat,
Has a personality that can't be beat.

BETTY ANN LABIE is a friend true and grand,
Always ready to give a helping hand.

MICHAEL LANGTON is quiet and shy, but all
The girls think he's a good-looking guy.

MARY LOUISE LAZUSKY, now we shall take,
A girl who won't give the boys a break.

ALBERT LAPCOSKIE says it's more fun
To love them all than only one.

And now, THOMAS MARGLE the pride of our class,
Can win the heart of any lass.

BETTY MEHALSHICK seems happy and gay
She's always found smiling troubles away.

BERNIE MIKONIS is a boy that can sing
We might even say, he's better than Bing.

MARIE MIKOVICH or "Flash" should we say
Will long be remembered after Graduation day.

Now FRANCIS MILLER is a handsome young lad,
As a lady's man, he's not so bad.

ETHEL MULLIN is seen and not heard.
This quiet miss seldom utters a word.

GEORGE NEY doesn't seem to know the rule
He's always skipping classes in school.

FLORENCE OLER who is stern and quiet
Never yet has caused a riot.

MIKE PALKO'S a boy we would like you to meet,
Everyone thinks he's a swell athlete.

JANIE PETRONIS an attractive, tall lass,
Served as vice-president of our Senior class.

DOT PUTALAVAGE tall, pert and blonde,
Of dancing she is very fond.

The motto of BOB RAESS is "Loaf When You Can".
There'll be plenty of work when he's a man.

ROBERT RINDA, a nice boy, hasn't got much to say,
But always seems to be happy and gay.

JOANNE RUSSEK who loves to skate
Is seldom found without a date.

JACOB SCHAEFFER seldom utters a peep
He's usually found catching up on his sleep.

MARGIE SCHNEIDER is small and sweet
A nicer girl you could not meet.

CHESTER SHANOSKIE a boy who wears glasses,
Can often be found making passes.

The ambition of CHARLES SMERLICK is to mine coal.
We know that he will reach his goal.

JOHN SMERLICK who is dark and tall
As an end, he played swell football.

CHASSY SNYDER'S chief delight
Is a different girl friend every night.

CHASIE STEFANEK an outdoor man,
Stays home from school whenever he can.

Although EDZIU STRAUSS doesn't seem to care,
We often wonder how he'd look with curly hair.

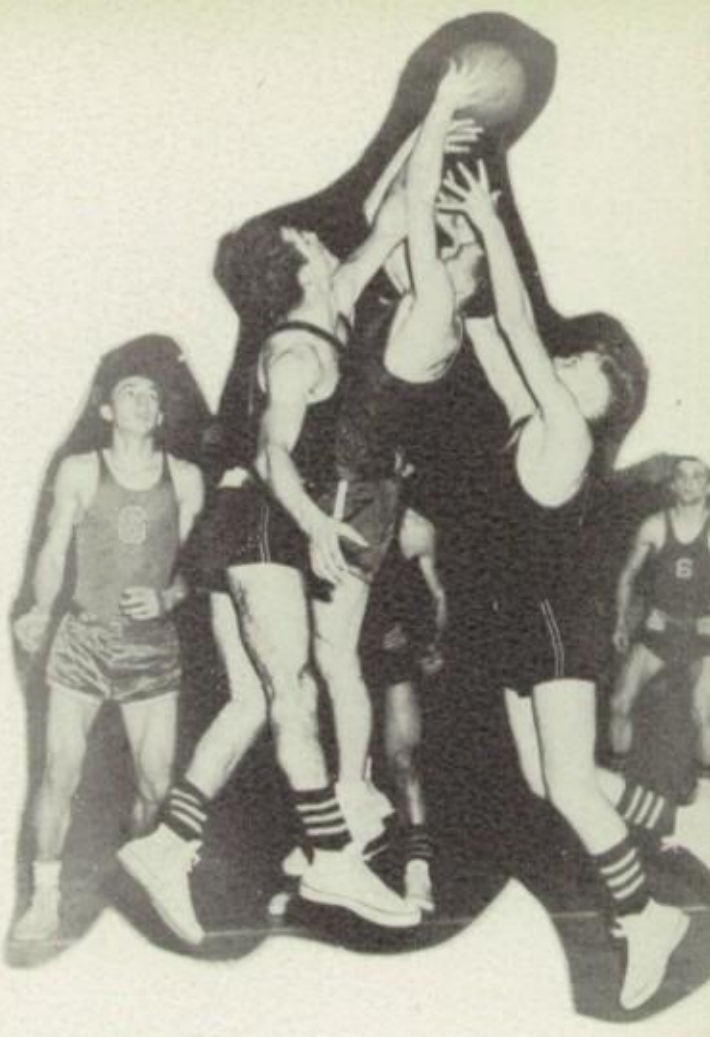
ALICE TOMALAVAGE has beautiful eyes,
That's how she gets all those good-looking guys.

PAUL YACOBOWSKY whom the girls love to tease,
Replies with a bang, "Oh, cut it out please".

Good things come in small packages they say,
MARGIE WELKIE proves this in every way.

ANN COYLE, a pert, little lass
Is one of the quietest in the class.

Now that we're finished and all tired out
We cannot sing loud but we certainly can shout-
"Farewell, our dear classmates, each teacher, each friend-
Our school life, like our verse, has come to an end."



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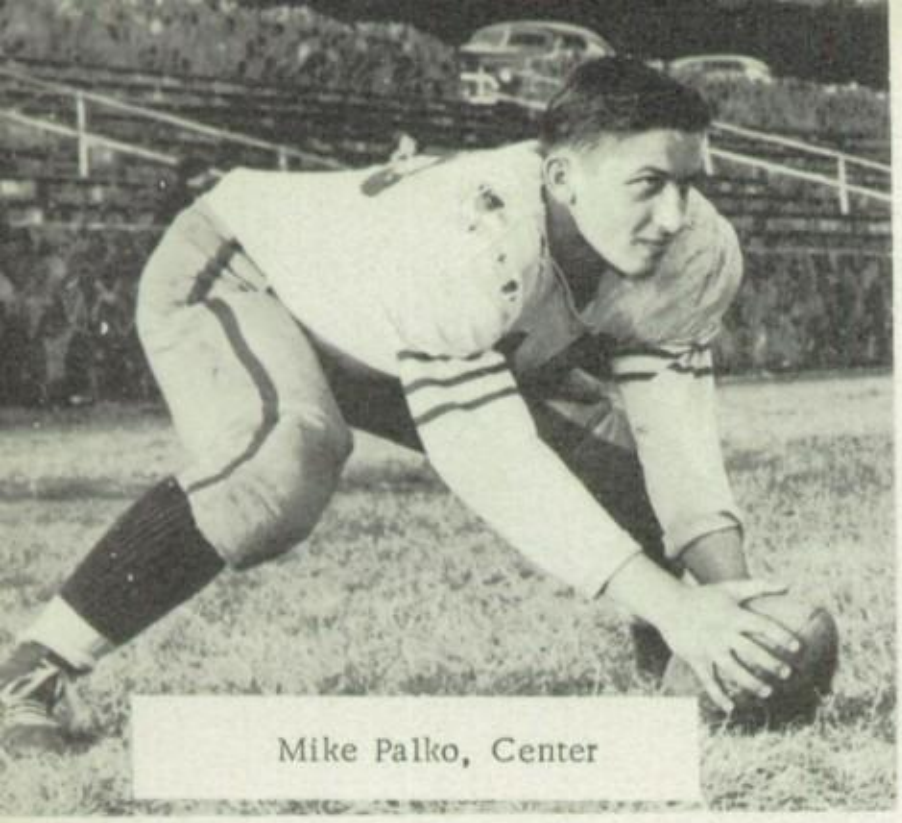
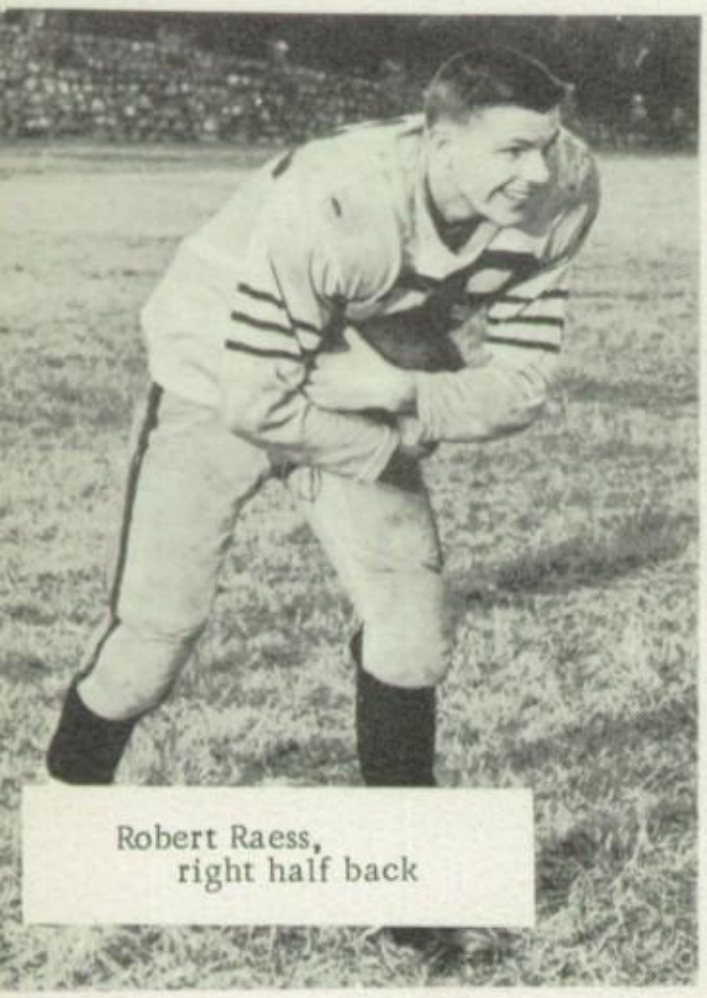


Mike Palko, Center

CO-captain John Gossick,
Quarterback

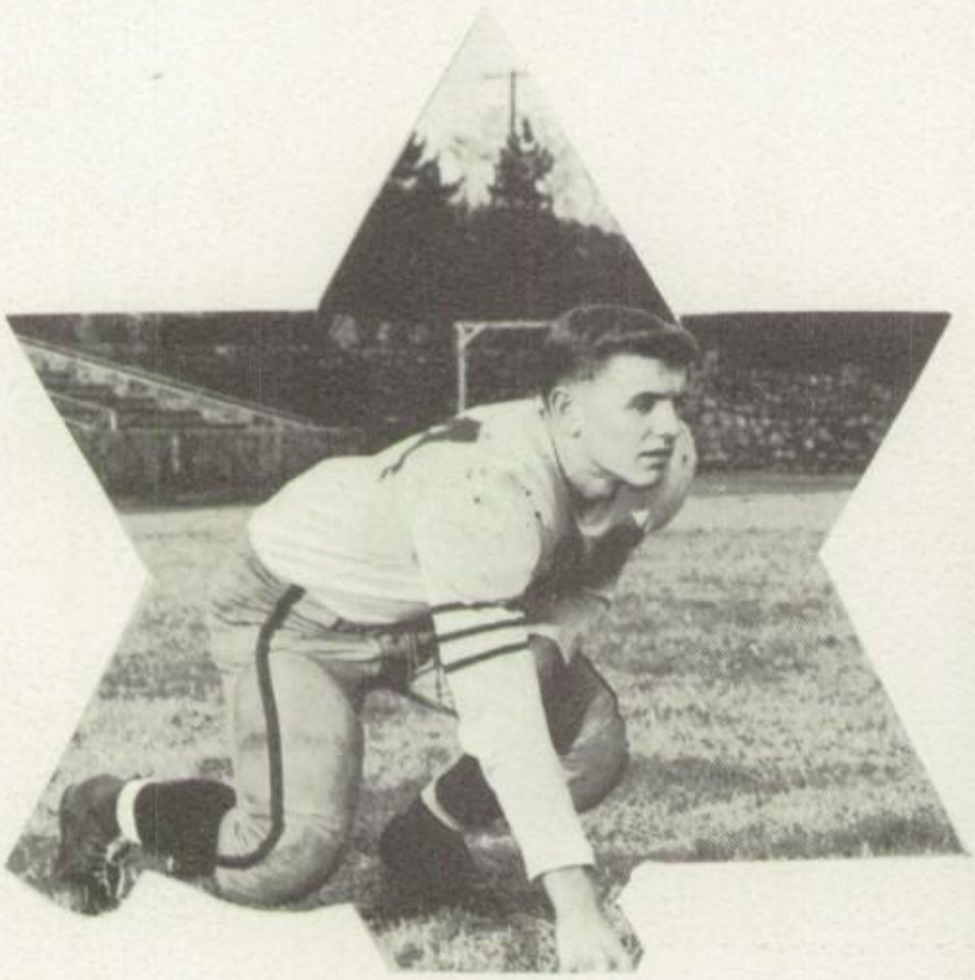


Robert Raess,
right half back

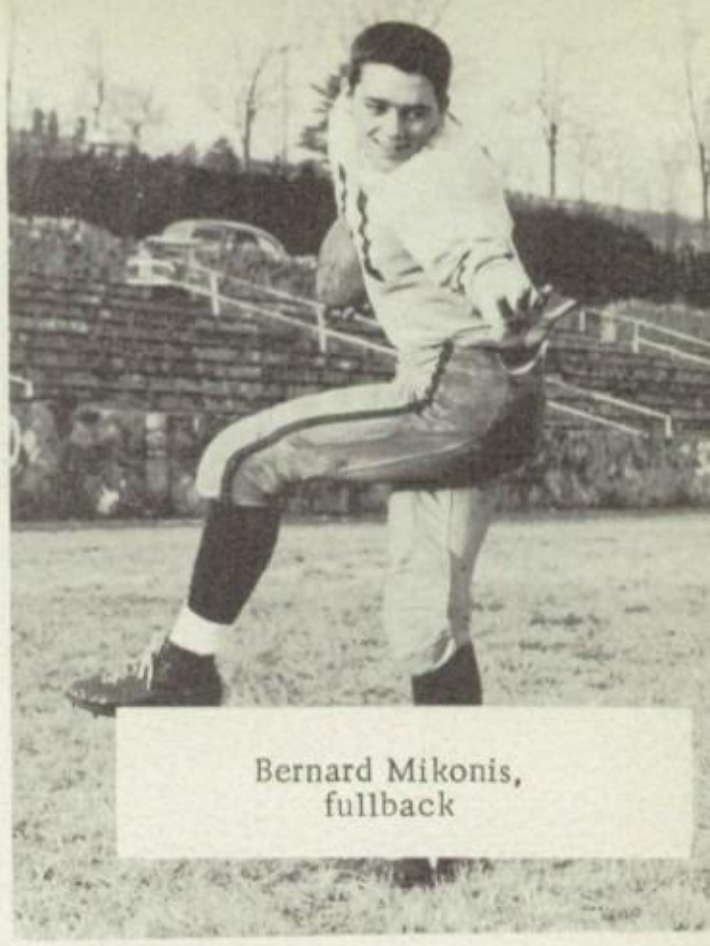
Mike Langton,
right end

Ed Strauss,
left tackle

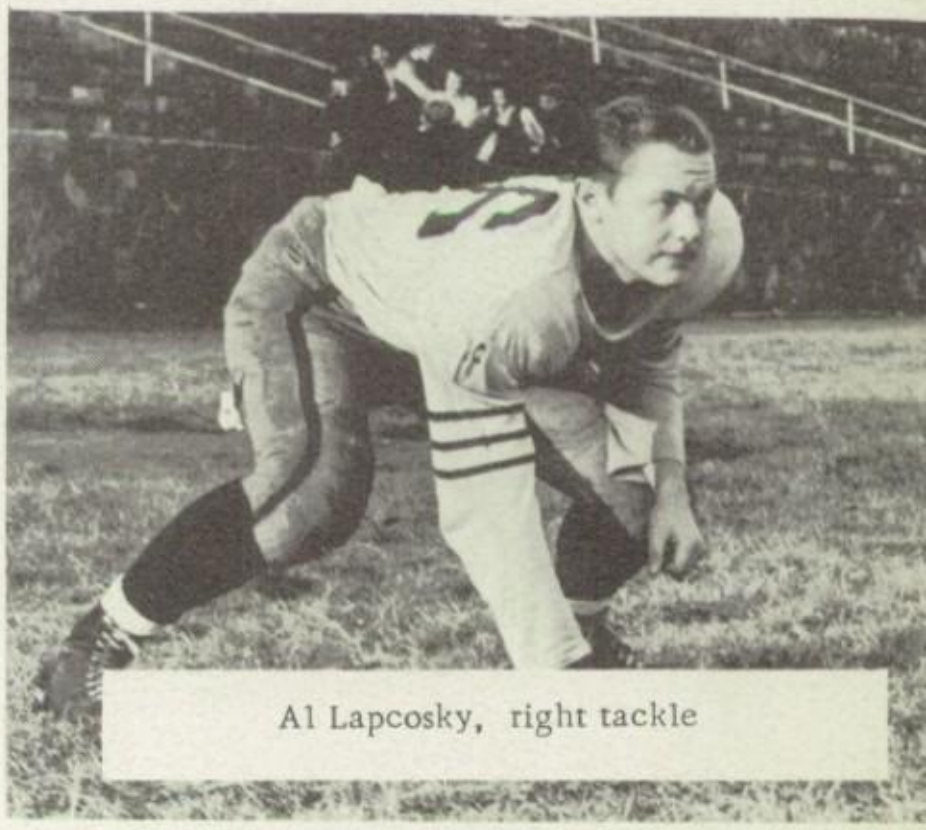
LETTERMAN



Co-captain Tom Margle,
right guard



Bernard Mikonis,
fullback



Al Lapcosky, right tackle

Losing six letter men by graduation, the Panther's football camp located at Elmsport, Penna., where people are a rarity, was a busy place during the latter part of August, 1952. Few of the members reporting were veterans. Captain Margle and CO-Captain Gossick headed the seasoned players, who were again ready to "rough it up." Other seniors to don the mole-skins were "Tiger-Man" Ed Strauss, a vicious tackle, "Rip" John Smerlick, a sturdy defensive end, light but alert ball carrier B. Mikonis, "Lanky" Langton, "Al" Lapcosky, stalwarts at tackle, "Mike" Plako, smashing center, offensive half, "Bob" Raess.

Opening at Coaldale, the local eleven, the Panthers failed to capitalize upon many opportunities presented. The score belied the real power of the locals since the firsts downs were eleven to three in favor of Blythe. However, in the scoring department Coaldale bested the Black Panthers 130- on two bad "breaks" on the part of Blythe.

John Smerlick, right end

BACK: Coach Rompalo, C. Snukis, F. Figel, R. Ruben, W. Kehlor, W. Norris: MIDDLE: J. Kreydt, M. Nevada, Manager Barto, J. Smerlick, J. Langton, R. Schneider. FRONT: E. Strauss, B. Mikonis, M. Palko, J. Gossick, T. Margle, A. Lapcosky, R. Raess.

A few pointers to Co-captains Margle and Gossick by Coach Rompalo.

Following a week of scrimmage and drilling of plays, our team journeyed to Mahonoy City only to lose again on two "fluke plays". Rain hampered the running attack of "Lightning" Krydt who was out in the open and on the way for a touchdown when he slipped on the wet turf. To add to the misery, a Mahonoy City end caught a deflected pass in his end zone while "flat" on his back to end the game with a 19-6 score with Blythe on the short end.

The moral being low, Nesquehoning was able to run up a 30-0 score.

Signs of high spirit began to appear since Coach Rompalo had a score to settle with Cass Twp. With hearts set on blotting out of memory the setback in the previous year, the members of the squad downed the hitherto potential powerhouse that held Minersville High to the sweet revenge of Blythe 19 - Cass Twp. 0.

After a short period of evening practices, the Black Panthers emerged from sea of mud a 19-13 loser to Tamaqua High School. The Panthers scored on five plays on the opening kick-off and were so hot that it took the rain to cool them off. Team-play with hard tackling and "vicious" blocking kept the fans on edge but an "interference" play on the one yard line against Blythe spelled the difference in victory and defeat.

Traveling to Shamokin the Blythe Gridders were overpowered by a rather heavy Coal Township aggregation 32-6.

Somewhat battered and bruised, the squad trekked to Minersville for what looked like the "Game" of the week. The first half ending in a 13-7 score with Minersville leading, however, the two platoon system used by Minersville was too much for our undermanned squad. Minersville 39-7.

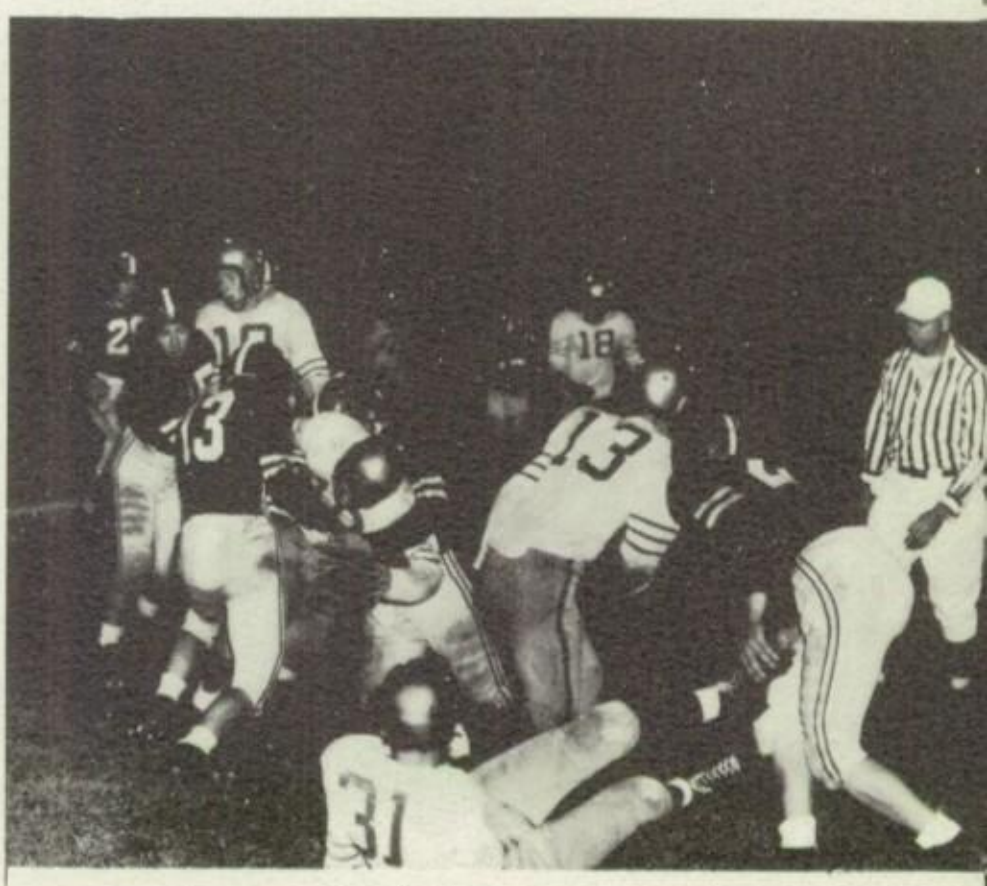
In the last game of the season, Homecoming Day. the Black Panthers bruises were all healed up and "rarin" to go was the motto. Dominating in every phase of the game, the local team outplayed the West Mahonoy Twp. in all departments. The tempo of the game quickened at the outset and ball carriers flashed around ends behind excellent "blocking". It seems the end of the season had come too soon since the team was beginning to find itself by defeating West Mahonoy Twp. 14-0.

Expert playing by "Rip" Smerlick and "Mike" Palko prevent touchdowns.

Kreydt is stopped while attempting to gain some yardage.

Even with a runaway score of 39-7 there was an interest in every part of every play.

"Lightning" Kreydt powers his way through two would-be tacklers.



An example of the spirit in every play.

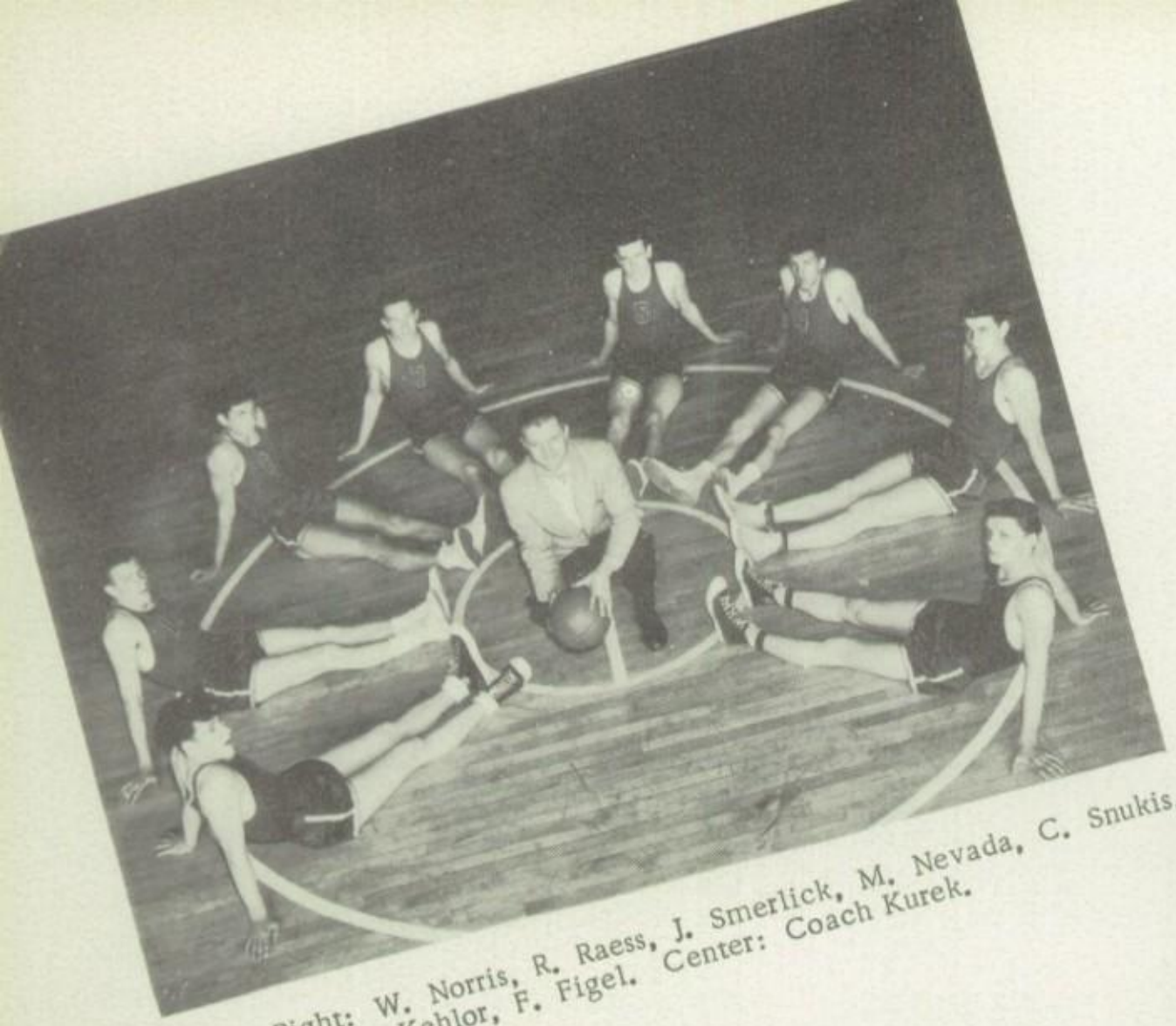
Co-captain,
Josie Kasper

Marie Ganis

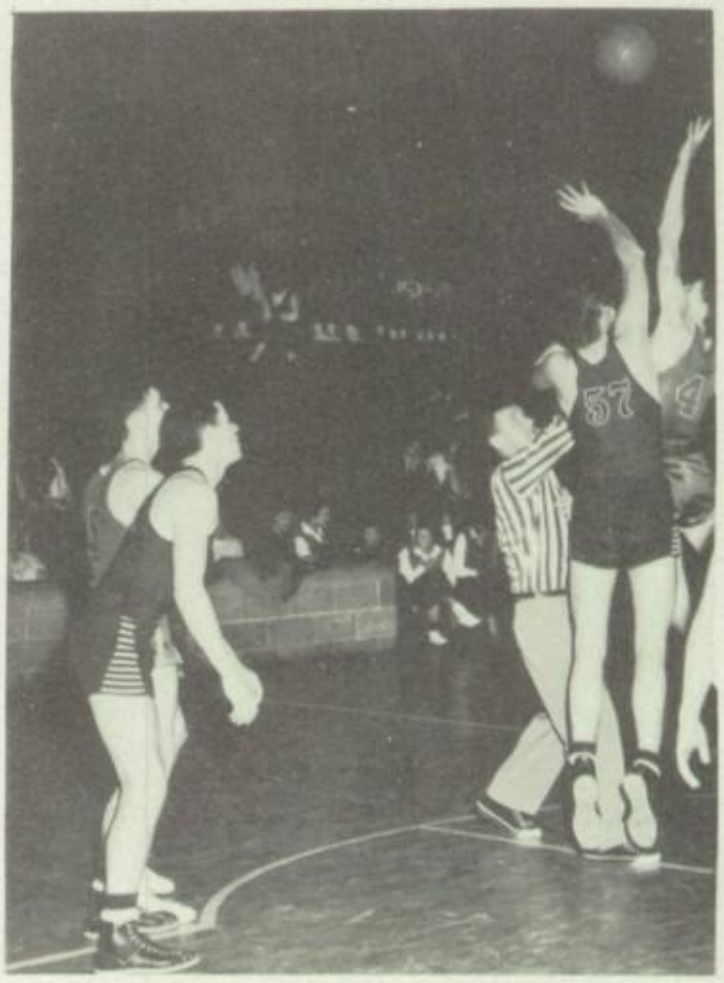
Co-captain,
Betty Mehalshick

Patsy Quirk

Louise Meyers



Left to Right: W. Norris, R. Raess, J. Smerlick, M. Nevada, C. Snukis, J. Gossick, W. Kehlor, F. Figel. Center: Coach Kurek.



John Gossick jumps high the ball to a teammate.

Time Out

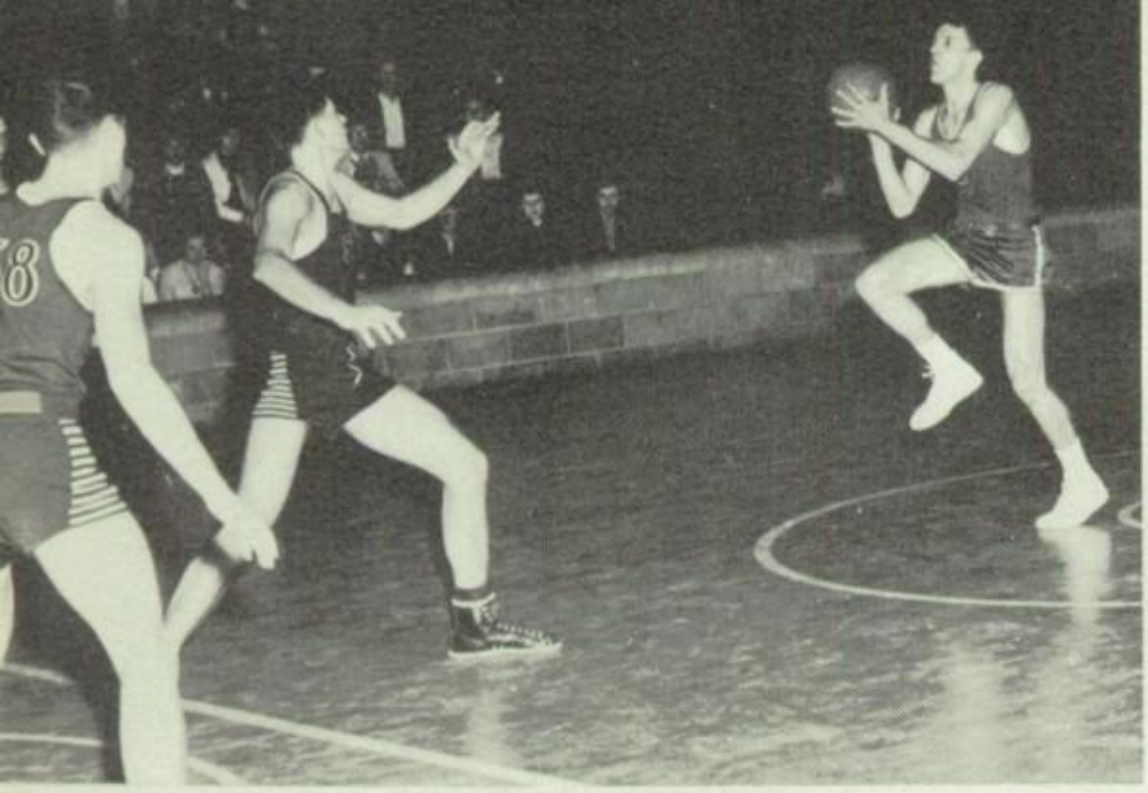
Famed John Smerlick unleashes a one-hander.

J. Royack, J. Speces, Coach Kurek, C. Subalusky, W. Norris
F. Figel, W. Kehlor, J. Langton

in an effort to tap

Star John Gossick in action.

Coach Kurek, Manager Yesacavage



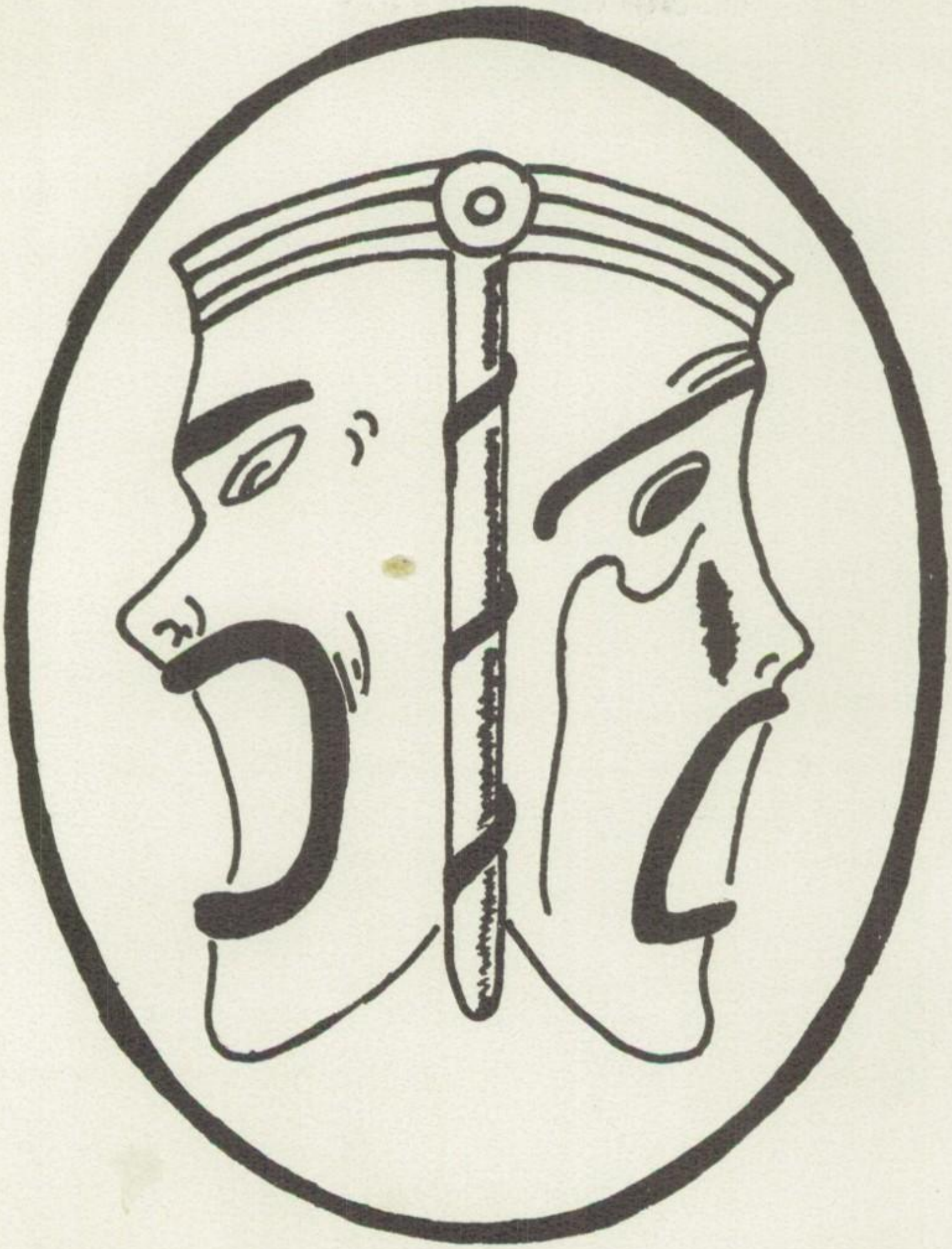
he entire Mahoney City team watches as John Gossick fires away with s familiar right-handed shot.

Joe Kreydt goes up for a basket.

John Gossick gets the tap for the Panthers.

Original technic by Bob Raess.

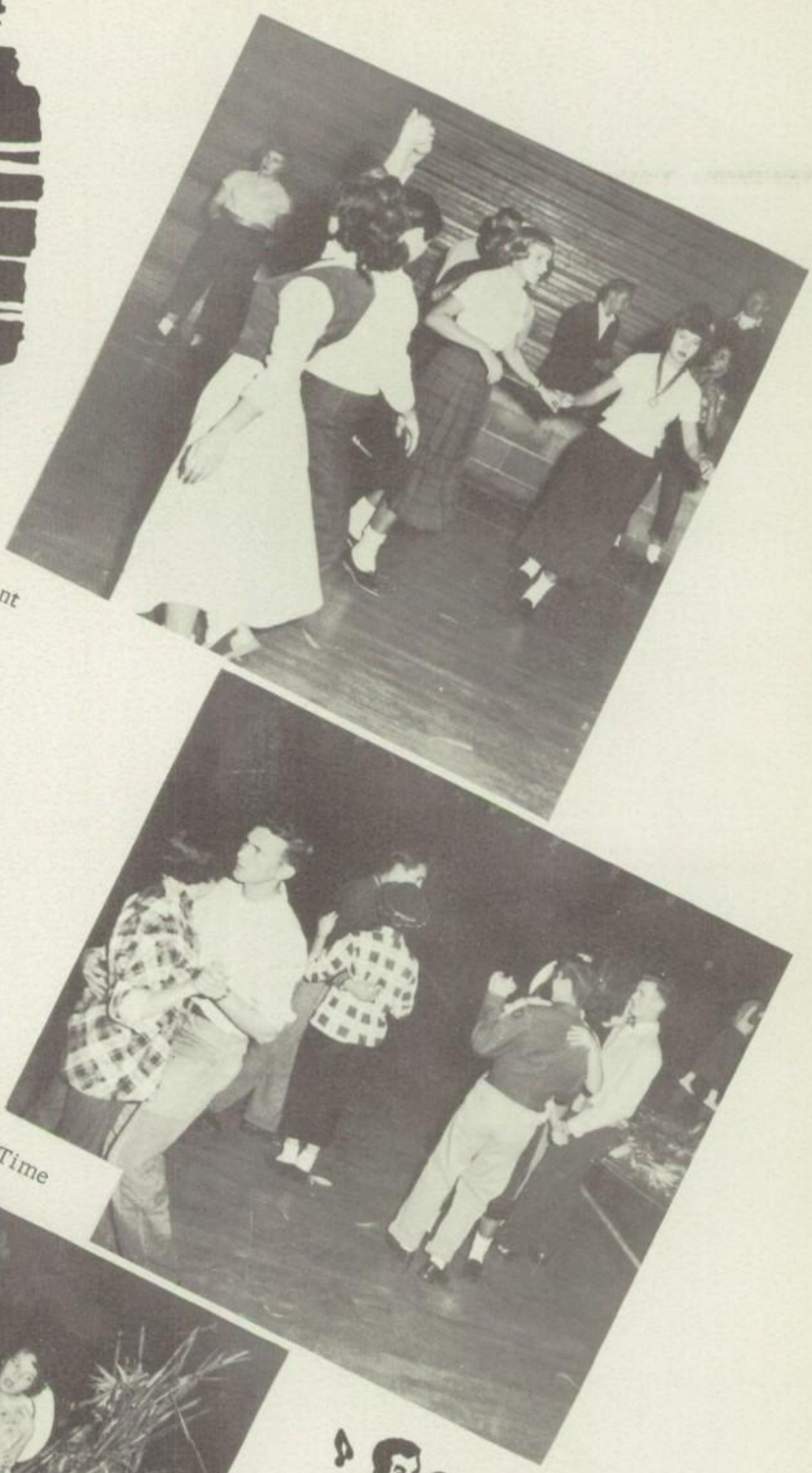
Joe Delpais tosses in another two-pointer.



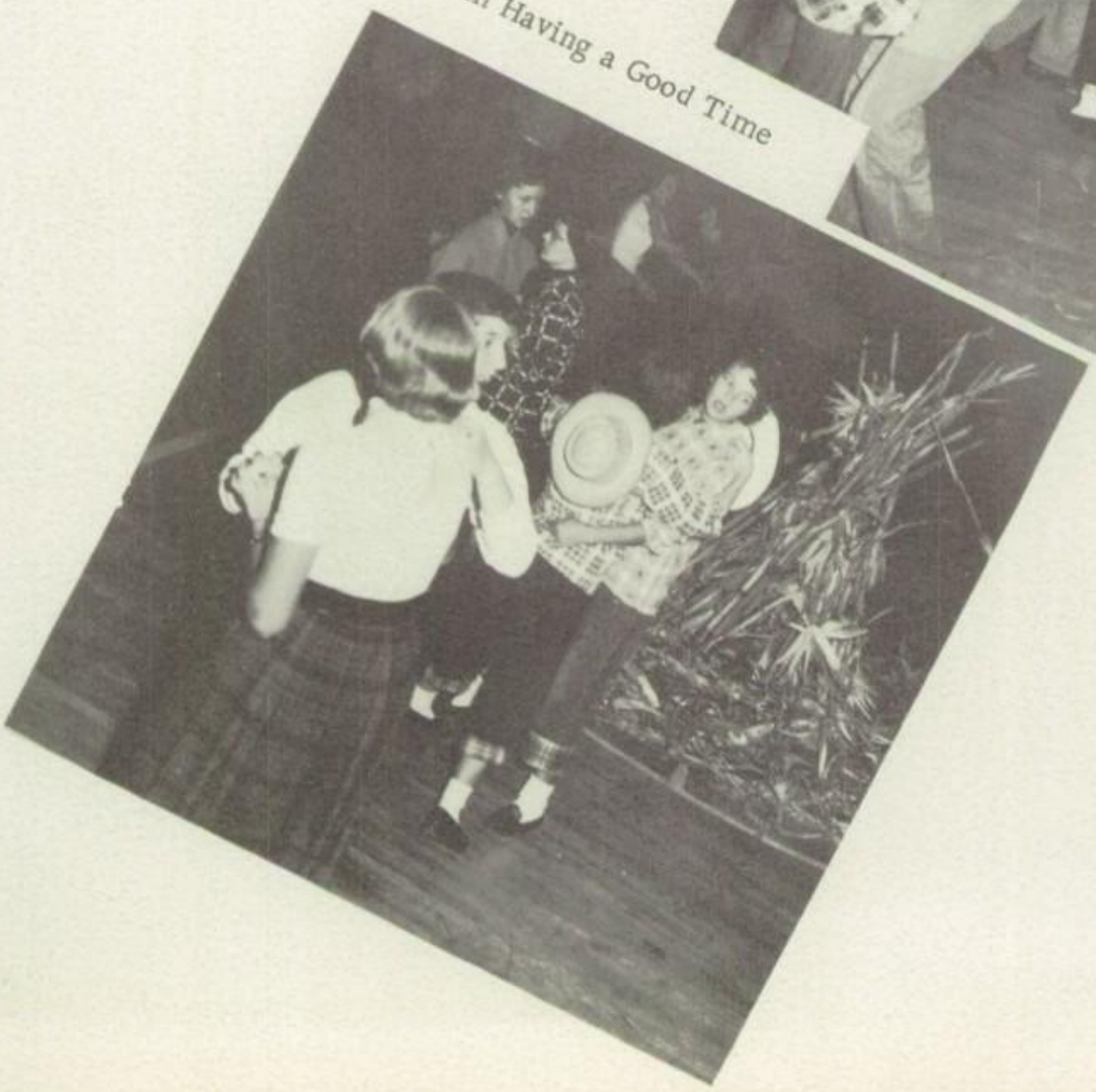
Activities

Hail! Hail! The Gangs All Here

They danced and danced and danced



Rock the Joint



You Bet I'm Having a Good Time

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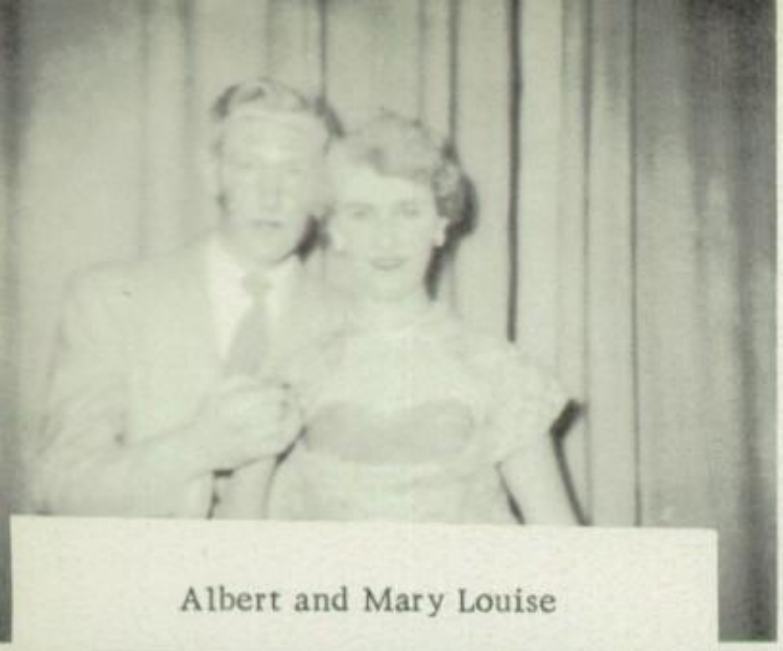

Albert and Mary Louise

Paul and Alice

Bernard and Ann

Robert and Josephine

Charles and Dolores

Thomas and Margaret

Philip and Margaret

Chester and Evelyn

What goes on..?

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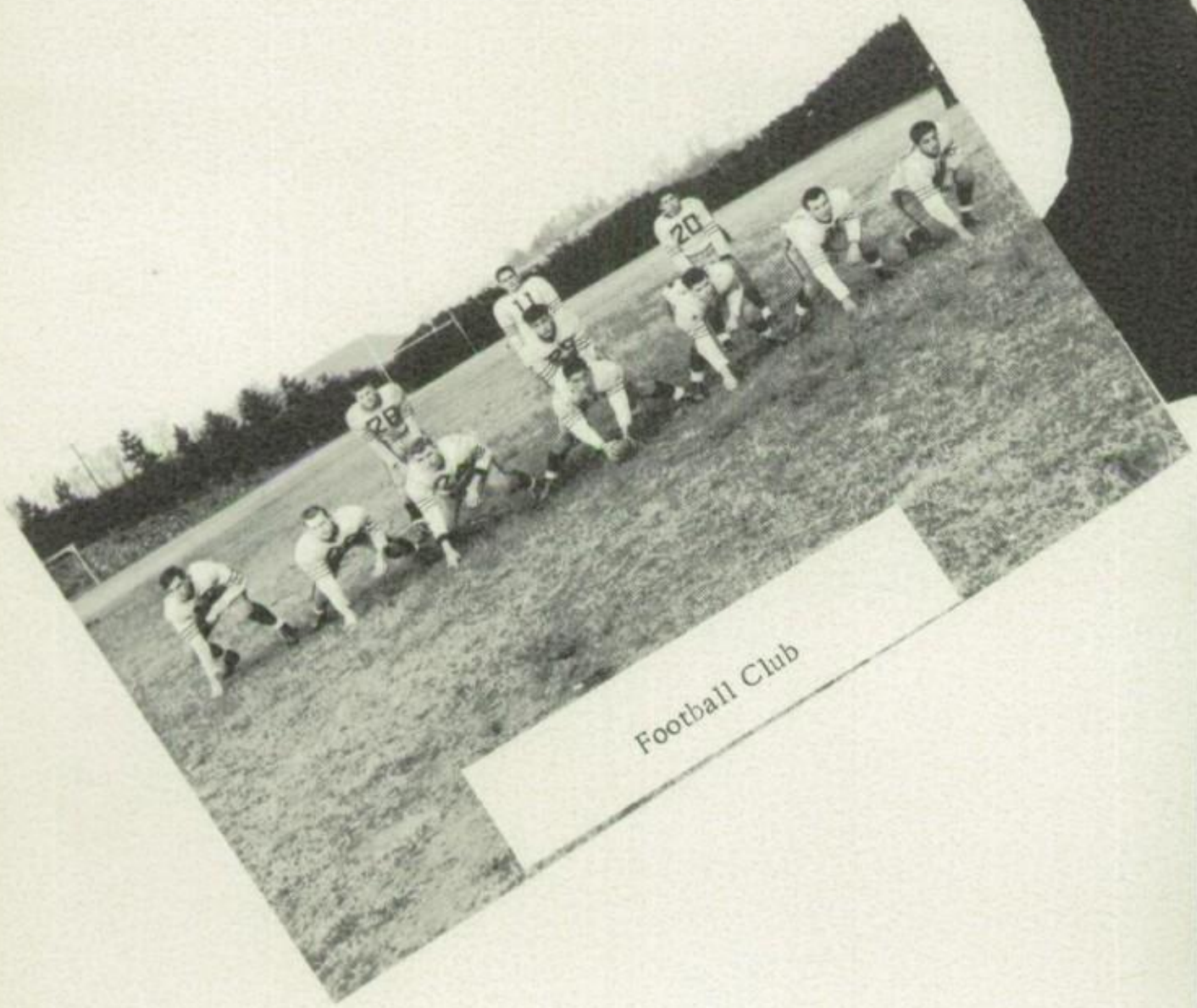
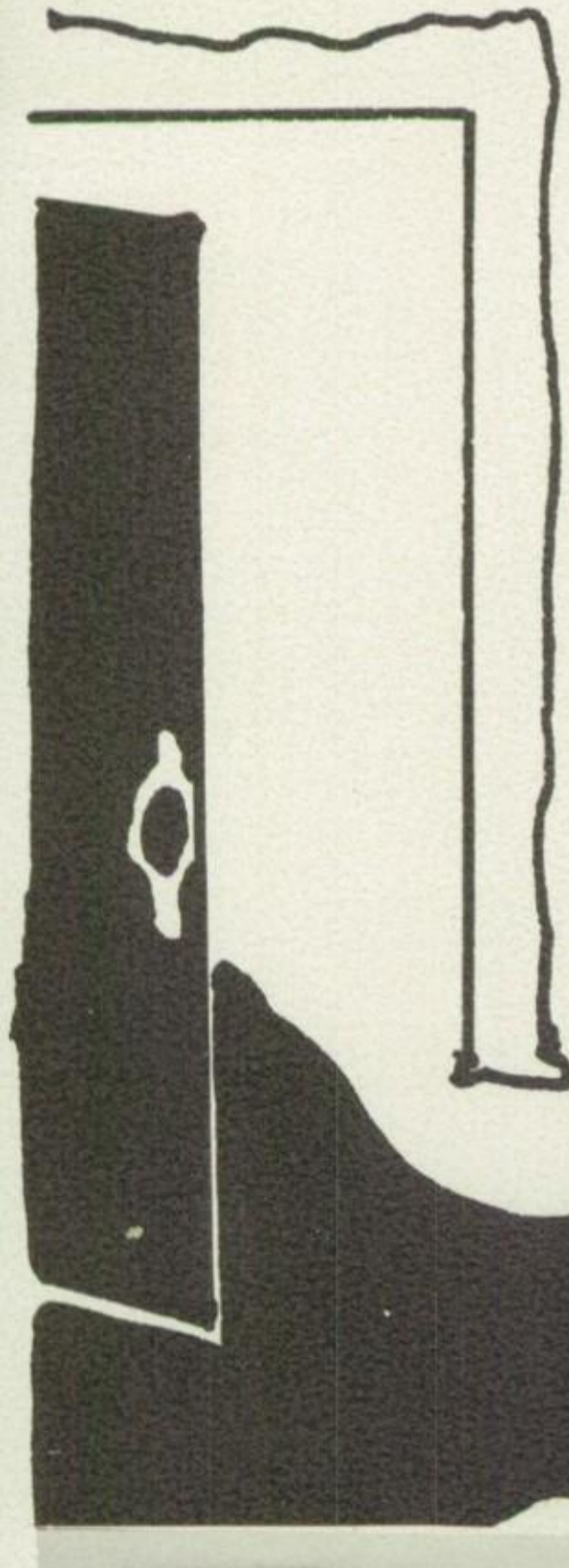


Football Club

Cheer



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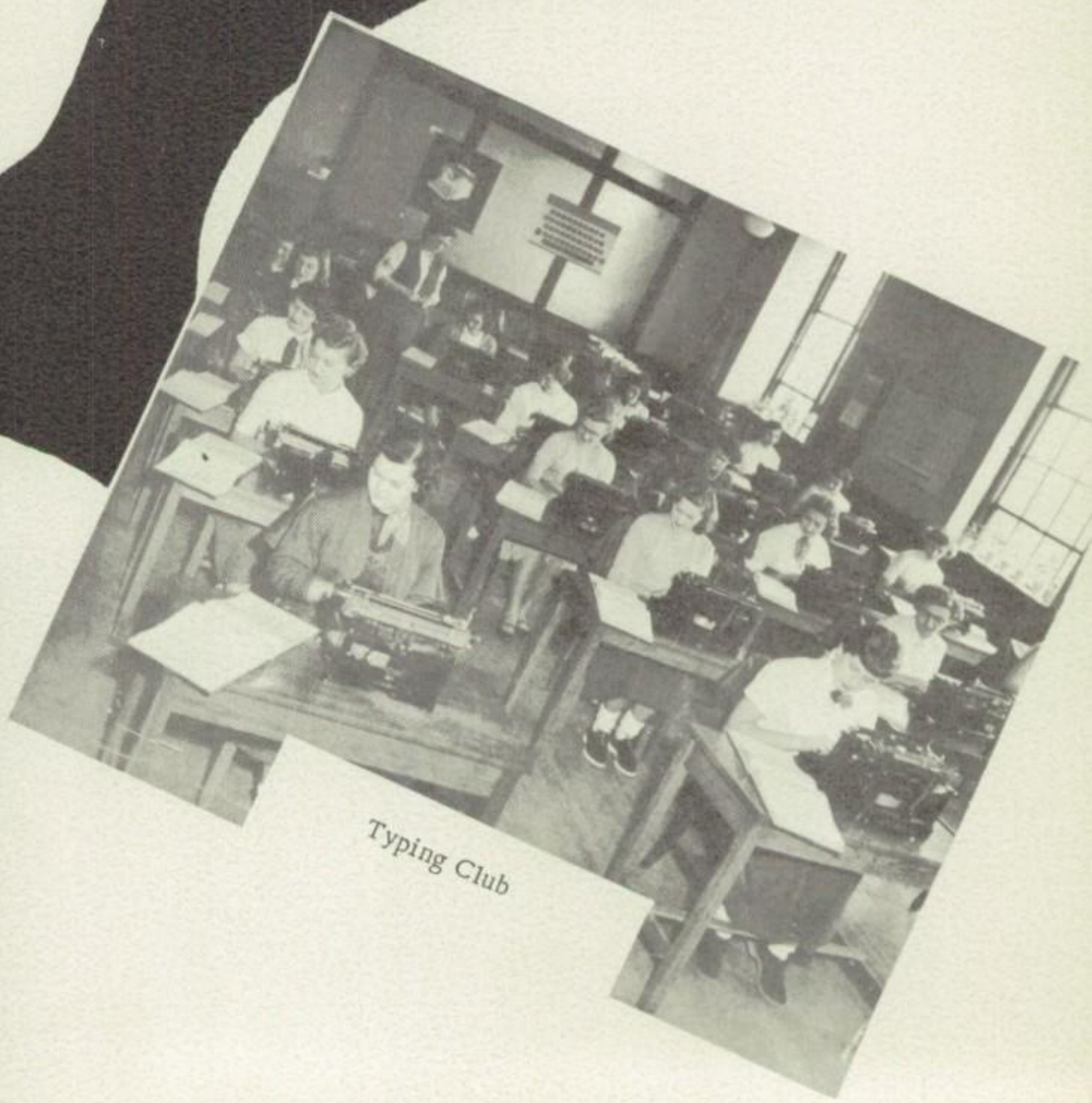
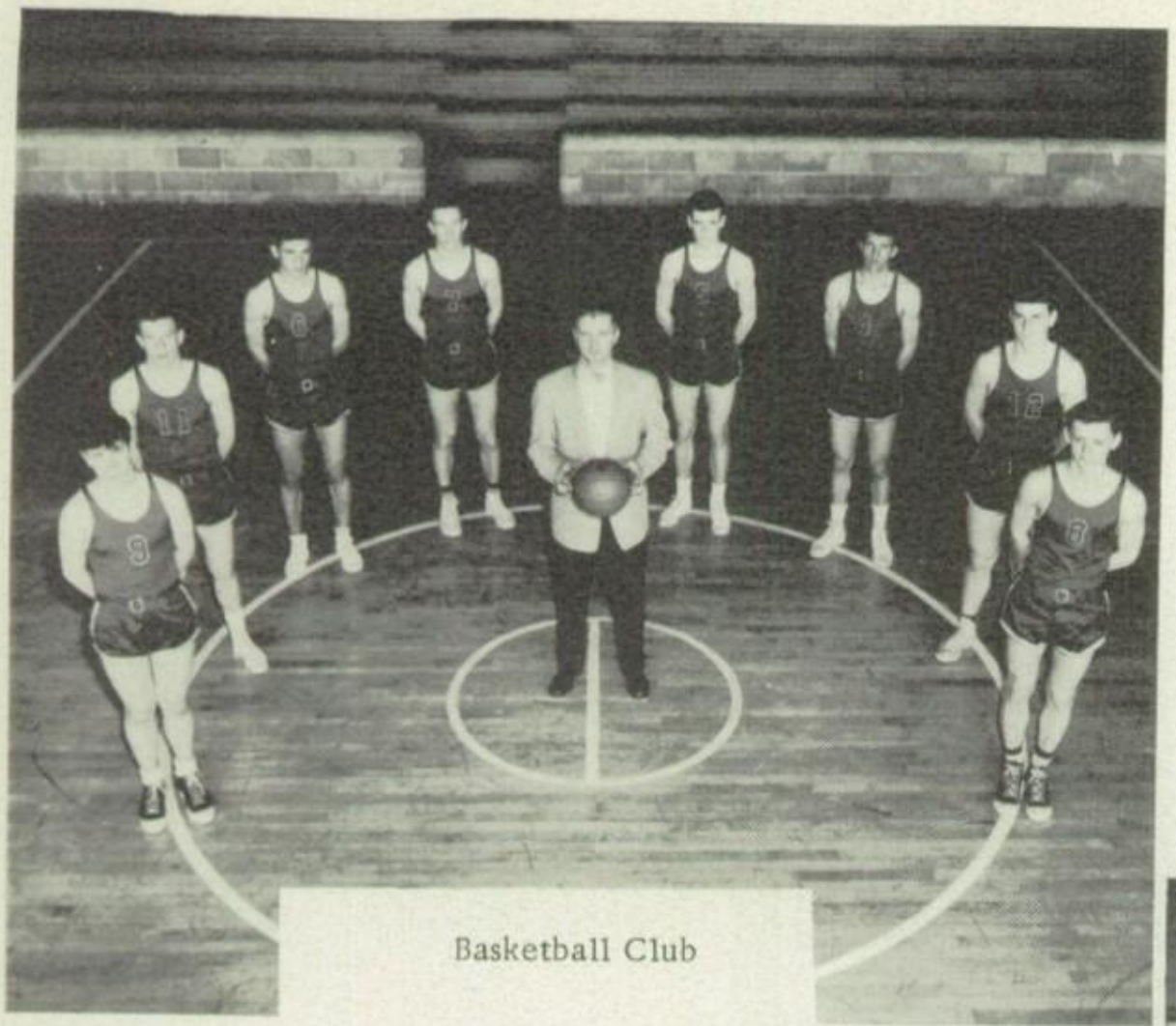


Typing Club

leaders



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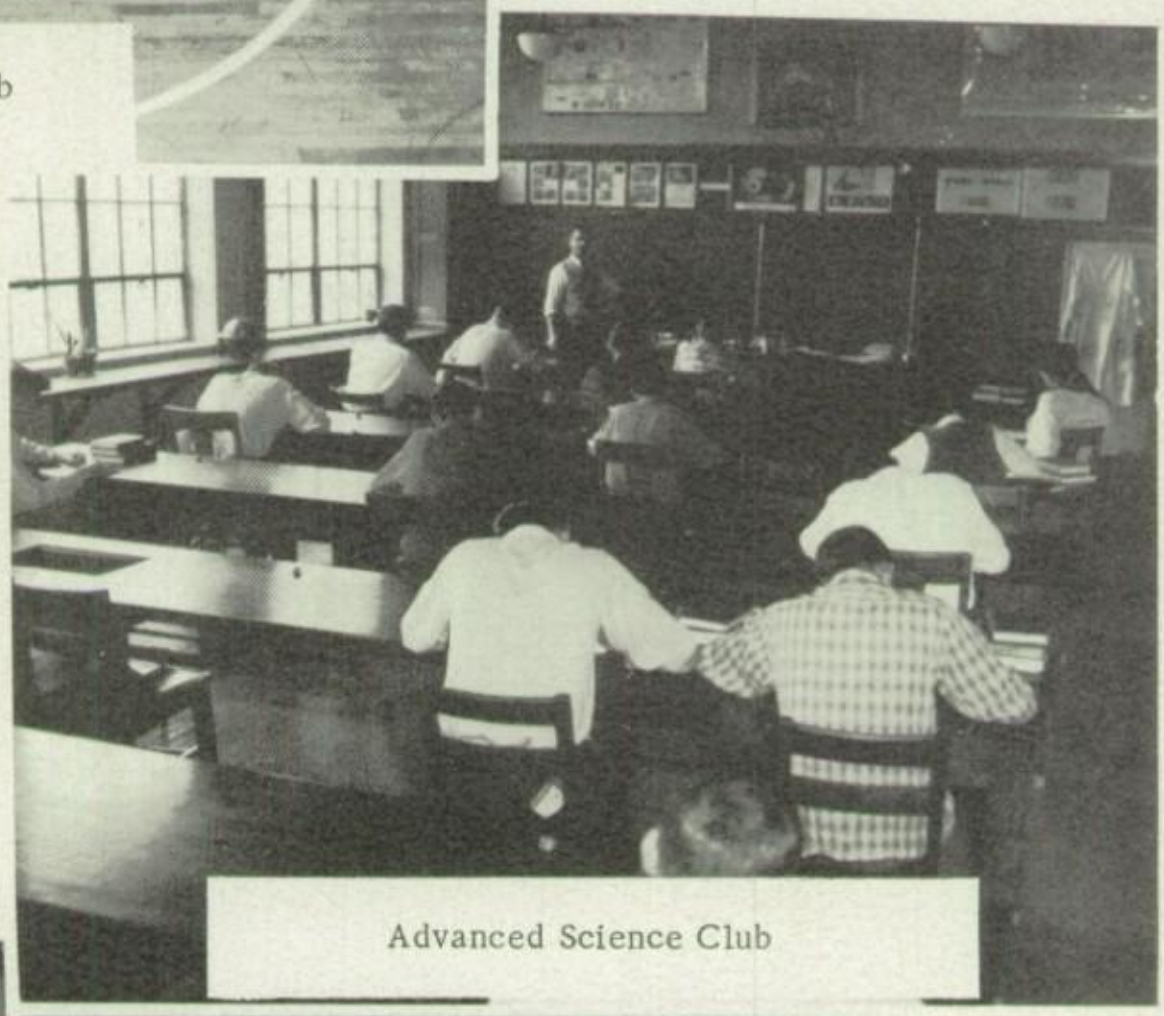

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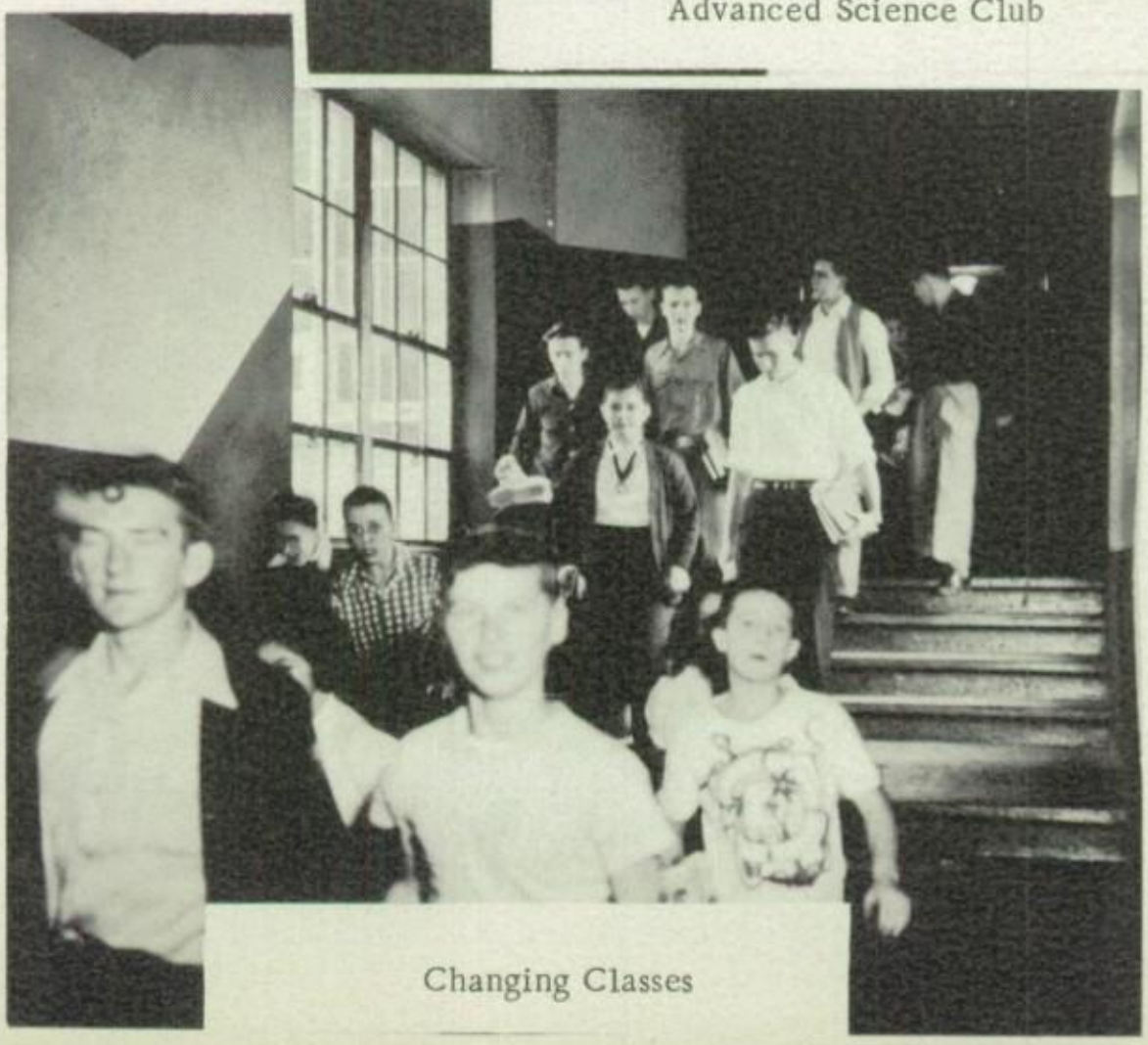

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